

# Contemporary Service

9:30 am

# Reflection Questions

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Hope Has a Name

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Fresh Wind

Prayer of Confession

Passing the Peace

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail, Realm, and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/>. Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates in the Narthex.)

Scripture Reading John 14:25-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Wonderful Counselor

*First in the Series "He Shall Be Called"*

Praise Song

Fear is Not My Future

Communion: Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Communion: Breaking Bread

Closing Song

Remembrance

Blessing

## *He Shall Be Called* Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:2-7

1. Read Isaiah 9:2-7. When you think about darkness, what feelings and images come to mind? What about the image of the light of dawn?
2. In what ways is our world "in darkness"? Where do you experience darkness in your life? Where do you long for light?
3. In verses 2 and 3, Isaiah looks forward to a time when Gentiles (non-Jews living "in darkness") are brought into the Kingdom of God. In this way, God's people, "the nation," is enlarged. Why would this bring joy to God's people?
4. For Isaiah's readers, the coming of the Kingdom suggests an end of enmity between Jews and Gentiles, between Israel and the Nations. In verses 3-5, what are some signs of this coming peace?
5. What oppressions in our day do you long to see come to an end? Where do you yearn for God's justice and peace to reign in our world?
6. The remainder of this passage refers to the means by which the Kingdom of God is ushered in – through the Messiah, the anointed descendant of David. What names is he given in verse 6? What do these names suggest about his character and the nature of his Kingdom?
7. How is the Messiah described in verse 7? What feelings does this evoke?
8. What does the final sentence of this passage say about how all of this will happen? Why does this provide hope and confidence?
9. Spend some time praying for the brokenness of the world and our lives, and pray for the light of the new dawn brought on by the Kingdom to continue to shine more brightly in the darkness until all is brought under the Messiah's rule. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."



## Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
Greg Buell, Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Caring Ministries  
Ed Burton, Minister of Family Ministries  
Luke Stoner, Minister of Contemporary Worship/Sr. High Youth  
Jesse Borower, Director of Music (Traditional)



November 27, 2022  
1st Sunday of Advent

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

**Prelude**                    **Variations on, "Wake, Awake"**  
(Composer: Jacques Berthier)

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Lighting the Candle of Hope**

**Opening Hymn**            **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**            #61  
(Verses 1-4)

**Responsive Reading**    **Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

**You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.**

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.**

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

We confess, O God, our need for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds. We seek our own direction rather than listen to

your voice in our lives. In our wandering, give us direction. In our fear, give us love. In our guilt, give us cleansing. In our pride, give us humility. In our brokenness, make us whole. In our anxiety, give us your comfort. Strengthen us through your power as the Wonderful Counselor who dwells within us. Help us to live victoriously in You.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Response**                    **Glory Be to the Father**                    #961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

**Passing the Peace**

**Anthem**                    **In the Bleak Midwinter**  
(Composer: Mary E. Caldwell)

**Scripture Reading**            **John 14:25-31**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**                    **Wonderful Counselor**  
*First in the Series "He Shall Be Called"*

**Musical Offering**    **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**  
(Composer: Karl Osterland)

**Doxology**            **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Affirmation of Faith**    **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin  
Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was  
buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine  
is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Communion Music**    **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**  
(Composer: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.)

**Closing Hymn**            **When the King Shall Come Again**            #475

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                    **From Heaven on High**  
(Composer: Johann Pachelbel)

## Worship Participants

Sermon	Spencer Lundgaard
Communion & Liturgist	Greg Buell
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner (9:30)
Lighting the Candle of Hope	Dill Family
Scripture Readers	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Sandy Mauk (11:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borrower (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Soloist	Laura Boguslavsky (11:00)

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