



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday, December 1, 2024

The observance of Christ's advent has been expressed in the liturgy of the Christian Church for over two millennia. Each Lord's Day as the gospel is preached or the sacrament of the Lord's supper is administered, believers are reminded that Jesus is coming again. Whether it be the threatening word about the 'day of the Lord' or the comforting word 'until he comes', each Lord's Day we are reminded of the need to adopt an expectant posture. As Christians, we are waiting for God's Son to be revealed from heaven. This has been so since the day of the apostles.

-Jonathan Gibson, *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude **Glen Harper**

Hymn **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (436)**

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall purge away

All that does offend that day.
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His storehouse evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Your final harvest home;
Gather Thou Your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin.
There, forever purified,
In Your presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

Advent Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

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9 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. **2**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. **3**You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. **4**For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. **5**For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. **6**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7**Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Lord's Supper

(A gluten-free alternative will be served in the transept seating area near the organ)

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (218)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (216)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Scripture Reading Genesis 50:15-26

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. ²² So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. ²³ And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. ²⁴ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." ²⁵ Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." ²⁶ So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon Dr. Blair Waddell

'The End of Genesis?' Genesis 50:15-26

Hymn Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery (184)

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree,
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected,
As will we be, when He comes.

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline

'The End of Genesis?' Genesis 50:15-26

- I. The last Patriarch is Dead (Genesis 49:33)
- II. An Epilogue- Joseph's remaining Story (Genesis 50:15-26)
 - a. Fear
 - b. Confession
 - c. Response
 - d. Ending
 - i. Blessed- 110 an ideal age (Joshua 24:29; Judges 2:8)
 - ii. Instruction of Faith (Exodus 13:19; Hebrews 11:22)
 - iii. Death (Joshua 24:32)
- III. The Great Themes of Genesis
 - a. Creator
 - b. Rebellion
 - c. A Chosen People
 - d. A Sovereign God
 - e. Unfinished Business

Announcements

Missions Banquet – Today @ 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual Missions Banquet. Our speaker will be Dr. Zach Carter. Dinner will be catered by Taco Mama. All are welcome.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® - Our goal is \$9,000.

Please pray as to whether you are called to contribute to this special offering. Lottie Moon offering envelopes are in pews, the foyer, and at the Lottie Moon post office. Or simply indicate "Lottie Moon" in your offering memo.

The Children's Ministry has an urgent need to fill the following Sunday School helper (not teacher) position:

- 3- & 4-year-old Class (helper)

If you are interested or have any questions regarding this need, please contact Ric (256-479-5078) or Giselle (256-919-6255) Crooks.

Postpartum Support Group – *Please let the Host know if you plan to attend*

- December 2 @ 12:30PM – Nicole Hale (770-317-3041)
- December 9 @ 9:30AM – Ellie Milby (256-348-6148) Christmas Theme!
Wear your Christmas sweater and bring a snack to share.

Annual Members Business Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 4 @ 6:30 PM, FH

PBC Members, please plan to attend this important meeting. Childcare is provided for ages 4 and under.

Big Supper Fellowship – Saturday, December 7 @ 4:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Hello 50 and older! "Big Supper Fellowship" potluck is back! Please bring two

dishes to share (feel free to make one a dessert). Beverages will be provided. If you plan to come, please text Jean (256-679-8533) or Lori (256-653-6320) by December 6 so we can know how many to plan for.

Women's Cookie Decorating – Friday, December 13 @ 6:00 PM, FH

Ladies, please join the women of the church for some fun cookie decorating! Supplies will be provided, as well as some warm drinks. Please sign up on the foyer table and include if you are gluten free!

Christmas Carol Party – Friday, December 20 @ 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Christmas carol party in the fellowship hall on Dec 20th at 5:30 pm. (Food sign up here: www.PerfectPotluck.com/ZTHX6937) Bring Christmas themed appetizers or treats to share. We'll eat and then sing a medley of the common carols as well as some newer songs. Feel free to invite friends and family to join you, even if they don't regularly attend Providence. RSVP to Ryan & Anna Wolfe - 256-808-0503 or ryanannawolfe@gmail.com.

Student Ministry Winter Retreat – January 31-February 2 @ Vision Ministry

Join us for a time of teaching, worship, fellowship, and fun! All 7th through 12th grade students are welcome and encouraged to come. The cost is \$125 per student. Scholarships are available. Click on this link to sign up: [Winter Retreat 2025](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Joel Blevins.

Upcoming Events ...

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| December 2 | Postpartum Support Group @ 12:30PM |
| December 3 | Elders Meeting |
| December 4 | Annual Members' Business Meeting @ 6:30PM |
| December 7 | Big Supper @ 4:30PM |
| December 9 | Postpartum Support Group @ 9:30AM |
| December 11 | Youth Christmas Party @ 5:45PM |
| December 13 | Women's Cookie Decorating @ 6:00PM |
| December 15 | 4 th Quarter Sunday School Ends |
| December 20 | Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM |
| December 20 | Christmas Carol Party @ 5:30PM |
| December 22 | No Sunday School |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00PM |
| December 24-25 | Christmas Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED |
| December 29 | No Sunday School |
| January 1 | New Year's Day – OFFICE CLOSED |
| Jan. 31-Feb. 2 | Student Ministry's Winter Retreat |