#### **Announcements**

- Church office closed Monday, 11/30 for Thanksgiving
- Poinsettia orders need to be turned in today, 11/29 (see insert)

#### **Music Credits**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven; arr. Paul Baloche Hark! the Herald Angels Sing by Charles Wesley and Felix Mendelssohn

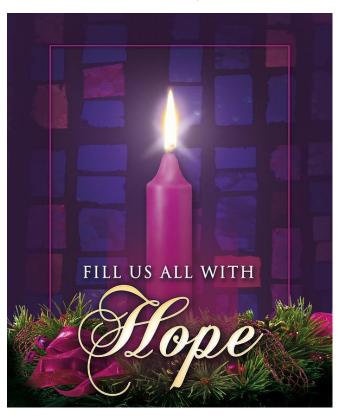
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# SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020



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### The Worship of God – November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent – Expectation of Hope

#### **COMMUNION WITH GOD**

Welcome, Announcements, and Concerns ......Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

#### PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship ...... Hymn 76

O Come, O Come Emmanuel a Latin Hymn

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

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

- 2. 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. *Chorus*
- 3. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. *Chorus*
- 4. 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. *Charus*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation	Dr. Dew
Hymn of Birth	.Hymn 93
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear by Edmund H. Se	-

- 1. It came upon the midnight clear,
  That glorious song of old,
  From angels bending near the earth,
  To touch their harps of gold:
  "Peace on the earth, good will to men,"
  From heav'n's all gracious King.
  The world in solemn stillness lay,
  To hear the angels sing.
- 2. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
  The world has suffered long,
  Beneath the angel strain have rolled
  Two thousand years of wrong;
  And man, at war with man, hears not
  The love song which they bring:
  O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
  And hear the angels sing!
- 3. All ye, beneath life's crushing load,
  Whose forms are bending low,
  Who toil along the climbing way
  With painful steps and slow,
  Look now! for glad and golden hours
  Come swiftly on the wing:
  O rest beside the weary road,
  And hear the angels sing!
- 4. For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
  By prophet bards foretold,
  When with the ever-circling years
  Comes round the age of gold;
  When peace shall over all the earth
  Its ancient splendors fling,
  And the whole world give back the song
  Which now the angels sing.

#### WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

Lighting of the Advent Candle	Dr. Dew
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-20
Prayer of Intercession	Dr. Dew

#### (Please review our prayer list and pray for those listed.)



Theme: Being prepared for Christ's coming

Object: Images of Girl Scout and

Boy Scout emblems

Scripture: "So always be ready. You Prepared. For Life." don't know the day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42 (ICB)

Who can tell me what this picture represents? (Hold the Girl Scout emblem.) That's right! It is the Girl Scout emblem. Do we have any Girl Scouts here today? Can anyone tell me the Girl Scout motto? You are right again. The Girl Scout motto is, "Be Prepared." Can anyone tell me what this picture represents? (Hold up the Boy Scout emblem.) You boys and girls are really sharp! It is the Boy Scout emblem. Now, who can tell me what the Boy Scout motto is? You are right. The Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared."

The Girl Scout and Boy Scout motto means that a good scout must always "Be prepared." That is also the subject for our Bible lesson today.

Today is a very special day. Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we have started the countdown to Christmas. There are many things that people do to get ready for Christmas, aren't there? Let's see, what are some of the things that we do to prepare for Christmas? We have to put up our Christmas tree, lights, and decorations. We have to get our Christmas cards addressed and mailed. We have a lot of shopping to do to buy gifts for our family and friends. There is a lot of cooking that must be done -- Christmas cookies and candy and, of course, we must buy all of the food for Christmas dinner. Can you think of any things that I have forgotten? (Allow kids to answer.)

While we are getting ready for Christmas, there is something else that we must be prepared for as well. Jesus promised that he would come again and the Bible tells us that we must be watching and be prepared for his return. We all know when Christmas is coming, but when will Jesus come again? The Bible says that no one knows the hour of his return. Not even the angels who announced his birth know when he will come again.

If we don't know when he is coming, how can we be prepared? If we want to be prepared for Jesus' coming, we must always be busy doing the things that he told us to do. We must be loving God and loving one another. What are some things we can do? (Allow kids to answer.)

It is fun and exciting to prepare for Christmas, but we must also be prepared for that day when Jesus comes again.

Dear Father, we love this season of the year. We love the preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us also remember that he is coming again and that you have told us to be prepared. In Jesus' name, amen.

Children's Sermon is from www.sermons4kids.com)

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1. Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round you virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

- 3. Silent night, holy night,
  Son of God, love's pure light
  Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
  With the dawn of redeeming grace,
  Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
  Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
- 4. Silent night, holy night,
  Wondrous star, lend thy light;
  With the angels let us sing
  Alleluia to our King;
  Christ the Savior is born,
  Christ the Savior is born.



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#### WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



## Some Real Reasons for Christmas

By Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

Luke 2:8-20
(See Enclosed Sermon)

#### WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
 Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

#### Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

- 2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*
- 3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*



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