

**Welcome to Bethany's time of  
PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022

*“All the People Said Amen”*

*Verse 1*

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on  
But thank God it's all you need

*Refrain*

And all the people said amen  
And all the people said amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said amen.

*Verse 2*

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter  
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And He so loved the world  
He sent His son to save us all.

*Bridge*

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God.

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**REMEMBERING BETHANY'S MISSION**

P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,  
we seek to live our mission of:

**C: being, living as, and making disciples of  
Jesus Christ.**

**WELCOME  
to Advent and to Bethany!  
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**INVOCATION & KYRIE**

P: In the mighty name of God, in the saving name  
of Jesus, in the strong name of the Spirit,  
**C: we come, we watch, we wait, we long for God.**

P: The Spirit and the church cry out:  
**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: All those who await his appearance pray:  
**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: The whole creation pleads:  
**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**ADVENT WREATH: THE HOPE CANDLE**

P: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday  
of Hope.

**C: Our hope is in God and in his son Jesus  
Christ. Jesus is the one appointed by God to  
be judge of all things. He is the one through  
whom God saves and redeems the world.**

P: We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus  
is our hope and the hope of all the earth.

**C: We thank God for the promises made to us,  
and for the light God has brought into the  
world.**

*As the candle is lighted:*

**CANDLE SONG**

*(“O Come O Come Emmanuel”)*

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

*Refrain*

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

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**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. By your  
merciful protection save us from threatening  
dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the  
way of your salvation, for you live and reign with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Romans 13: 11-14*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Agape Road  
“God of Wonders”**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: In this Advent season, let us be bold to trust the goodness of God. We confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for Reflection*

L: Faithful God,

**C: we confess that in thought, word, and deed we have turned away from you.  
We have not eagerly expected your coming.  
We have been slow to serve you and our neighbor. Restore us, God of might.  
Forgive our sins, known and unknown.  
Let your face shine upon us,  
and we shall be saved. Amen.**

L: Brothers and sisters, strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins. Almighty God grants us forgiveness, keeps us in the grace of Christ Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, fills us with joy and hope.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

*Petitions end:* "Lord, hear our prayer."

*Congregation sings after each petition:*

The Spirit intercedes for us  
With sighs too deep  
For words to express

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## 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### "Thy Word"

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
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And a light unto my path

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## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 24: 36-44*

## MESSAGE

## COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts!

**C: We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues with thanksgiving and Jesus' "Words of Institution"*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### "Give Us Clean Hands"

#### *Verse 1*

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
O Spirit come make us humble.  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
O Lord we cast down our idols.

#### *Refrain*

Give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another.

#### *Bridge*

O God let us be, a generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face  
Oh God of Jacob  
(1<sup>st</sup> time only once, 2<sup>nd</sup> time repeat)

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## BLESSING

### "Surround Us Lord"

As the mountains surround Jerusalem  
So the Lord surrounds His people  
As the mountains surround Jerusalem  
So the Lord surrounds His people

Surround us Lord  
Surround us Lord  
We need to be in Your presence  
Surround us Lord

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord, with enthusiasm.

**C: Thanks be to God! And we will...**