

# Our Worship of God

December 5, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### THE INCARNATE ALLELUIA

the six-winged seraphim sing  
the cherubim  
the thrones  
dominions  
powers  
angels and archangels  
sing around us alleluia  
the stars the sun  
the moon the aurora  
sing around us alleluia  
the birch the tamarack  
the sumac the oak  
know to sing alleluia  
the sea the waves  
the tide the rivers  
sing alleluia  
hawks and warblers  
finches and jays  
guppies salmon trout  
all sing

only human has kept still  
only the human voice is ignorant of the song  
and so God – holy be the Name –  
God deigned to be made known  
in Jesus  
God was made incarnate in Jesus  
God incarnate  
so that at long last  
alleluia  
might be made incarnate  
in us

– Susan Palo Cherwien

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Worshippers, as you prepare to worship with us from your homes, we invite you to do the following if you would like to do so:

1. Please gather some communion elements as we will be observing the Lord's Supper near the conclusion of our online service this morning. You may use some type of bread or cracker and some grape juice or similar beverage that is in your kitchen.
2. If you have an Advent wreath, you may light the second Advent candle, which is purple, at the appropriate time during the service. If you do not have an Advent wreath, then you may light any candle(s) in your home.
3. We invite you to send your comments as you watch the live feed on KBC's YouTube® channel. You may do so in the public comments on our channel, or you may text one or more of the ministers.
4. Finally, we gently encourage you to consider giving your offering through our online giving option at <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/kirk211234>

## Chiming

Welcome and Life of the Church

Donna Watts

Global Missions Moment

Cindy Midgett

## Call to Worship

Can one be homesick for something you've never known?

**We are homesick for a just world, for peace like rivers,  
for the end of suffering.**

Yes, we are homesick—

**for joy that is contagious,  
for nations that feel like neighbors, and for hospitals that run empty.**

We are homesick for the world God promises.

**We are homesick, but we are on our way.**

God is here. God is still creating.

**Let us worship Holy God.**

Prelude

***Savior of the Nations, Come***  
Paul Manz

John Frank

Opening of the Bible

Von Hulin

+Hymn 138

***Savior of the Nations, Come***

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Savior of the nations, come, show yourself the Virgin's son.  
Fill with wonder, all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.

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Not by human power or seed did the woman's womb conceive;  
only by the Spirit's breath was the Word of God made flesh.

Christ laid down his majesty, passed thro' dark Gethsemane;  
though he left his Father's home, Christ now sits on God's own throne.

Christ in glory, intercede for your creatures' suffering need;  
let your resurrecting power soon complete the victory hour.

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing; praise to Christ, our newborn King!  
with the Father, Spirit, one, let your lasting kingdom come.

Procession of the Light

***A Gaelic Blessing***

John Rutter

Jody Clegg

Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you  
Deep peace of Christ to you

Lighting of the Advent Candle—Peace

Bob and Donna Church

Advent Song

***In This Season of Longing and Anticipation***

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Anthem

***And the Glory of the Lord***

from *The Messiah*, G.F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir  
and Primetime Singers

*And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 40:5*

Prayers of the People

Kyle Damron

Instrumental Meditation

***Gesu Bambino***

Pietro Yon / arr. Gary Slechta

KBC Brass

Scripture Reading

***Ezekiel 37:1-14***

Von Hulin

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

## In This Season of Longing and Anticipation

*Cantor/Choir:*



In this sea - son of long - ing and an - ti - ci - pa - tion,



God is at work in the heart of cre - a - tion, of - fer - ing all new



life and sal - va - tion:

*Advent:*

- |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| 1. A righ - teous branch springs up! |
| 2. A voice cries out, "Pre - pare!"  |
| 3. Re - joice, the Lord is near!     |
| 4. A wom - an ans - wers God's call! |

*All:*



O - pen our eyes to sights, signs, and won - der; o - pen our



ears to hear your word; o - pen our hearts to live with each



oth - er

*Advent:*

- |                                |
|--------------------------------|
| 1. hope, In - car - nate Lord! |
| 2. peace,                      |
| 3. joy,                        |
| 4. love,                       |

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Prepare the way of the Lord!

**Let us make our confession to God.**

### Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, when we see the world through rose-colored glasses rather than as it really is, much less the way you seek it to be. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith calling us to be agents of change in our world for the bland conviction that all will be well.

**O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We confess that we have ignored the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. We have kept the birth of your Son confined to the Advent and Christmas seasons and do not yearn for Christ's birth each moment in our waiting hearts. In the darkest of valleys, we have not fully believed within our spirits of your resurrection power that has overcome death *and* is always at work in our world.**

Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grave. In Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

The God we serve is the God of life,  
the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—  
even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams.

**That rattling of bones in Ezekiel's vision may be heard as the shackles that once held us down in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt.**

God defies these deadly entanglements with the power of life.

**This we trust, and by this we live.**

**Thanks be to God!**

+Hymn 167

### ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

PICARDY

Stanzas 1, 2—Choir, Stanzas 3, 4—Choir and Congregation

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded, for the blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

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Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears a way.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high!”

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Taylor Mason

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power;

Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.

You formed us in your own image,

Giving the whole world into our care so that, in obedience to you, our creator,

We might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you,

You did not abandon us to the power of death.

In your mercy you came to help, so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again you called us into covenant with you,

And through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Almighty God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time

you sent your only Son to be our Savior.

We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved servant, Jesus Christ,

whom you have sent in these last times as Savior and Redeemer and messenger  
of your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you made all things  
and in whom you take delight.

Incarnate Word, born of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit,

He lived as one of us, yet was without sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation;

To prisoners, freedom, to the sorrowful, joy.

In fulfillment of your will, he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave,

destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

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Holy God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of the holy church. Gather into one all who share these holy mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory, through your servant, Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church now and forever. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Matt Vandagriff

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed and arrested, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and give it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

The Bread and the Cup

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

+Benediction

Matt Vandagriff

Postlude

***Christmas Fantasy for Organ and Brass***

KBC Brass

arr. Joel Raney

Whether you are worshipping with us on-line or in-person, welcome, we are happy you are here. If you are interested in becoming a member of Kirkwood Baptist Church, or if you have questions about the church, we encourage you to go to [www.kirkwoodbaptist.org](http://www.kirkwoodbaptist.org) where you might find answers to your questions. Additionally, please feel free to email any of the pastoral staff as we would love the opportunity to tell you more about this community.



*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God  
by Rodger & Paula Riney in honor of the ministry team for the hospitality homes,  
which include Bev Bates, Pat Bubash, Linda Liebman, Kendra Lubber, Taylor Mason,  
Betty McCoy, Caroline Penberthy and Jennie Pirrie.*

*The Hospitality House Ministry Team is hosting an open house for area social  
workers who provide referrals for people in need on Monday, December 6.  
The flowers will be a lovely addition to their event.*



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## Join Us for Additional December Events

### **Festival of Carols**

Sunday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.

Featuring Sanctuary Choir & Guest Orchestra

### **Bereavement Service**

Sunday, December 19, 3:00 p.m.

A service of remembrance and hope  
for those who grieve the loss of a loved one

### **Christmas Eve**

Friday, December 24

Communion & Candlelight

5:00 p.m. - Livestream & In-Person

10:00 p.m. - In-Person only



**Nativity Night** Sunday December 5th 4:30 pm

For all children Infants through 5th grade  
7:00pm Presentation of the Nativity Story for  
Parents and Friends



Scan QR Code to Register

### *Adult Advent Studies Sundays at 9:15 am*

*Advent in Spirituals-Mary Hastings Room 330*

*The Heart that Grew Three Sizes-Theresa Maxwell Room 304*

*Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected  
Janis Dickerman Room 328*

*An Adult Christ at Christmas-Tom Duncan Room 323*

*The Hope of Advent-Mike Howe and Carla Hickman Room 128*

*Narrative Lectionary Text Study  
Jim Layman and Glen Calvin Room 134*

### *Advent Devotions: The Fullness of Time*

*Inspired by Henri Nouwen Pick up a copy in the Welcome Center*

## KBC HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, December 24

Monday, December 27

Friday, December 31

close at noon

Monday, January 3

