

A winter scene in a snowy forest. A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a yellow sweater and a brown skirt, stands with her back to the camera, looking at a tall, black street lamp. The lamp is lit, casting a warm glow. The trees are heavily covered in snow, and the ground is a thick blanket of white. The overall atmosphere is quiet and magical.

ADVENT IN
NARNIA

8:30 ~ DECEMBER 2, 2018

PRELUDE “Savior of the Nations, Come”

arr. Karen Keene

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Savior of the Nations, Come” [LW 13, v. 1-4]

OPENING LITURGY

RESPONSE “Savior of the Nations, Come” [LW 13, v. 5 & 8]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7** [NIV]

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

R: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

GOSPEL VERSE “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” [verse 1]

HOLY GOSPEL **John 1:1-14** [NIV]

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

HYMN “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” [LW 31, v. 1-3]

SERMON “LAMPPOST”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Father in Heaven:

•*Peace, Comfort and Healing:* **Joan Wallace**-undergoing back surgery Monday, Dec. 3.

•*Wisdom and Courage:* **Peace/RA/MyTime Staff and Church Leaders.**

HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Organ

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” [LW 31, v. 4-6]

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” [LW 31, v. 7]

POSTLUDE “Savior of the Nations, Come”

arr. Paul Manz

SERMON: *Rev. James Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

WORSHIP

- Advent Midweek Services | Begin Wednesday, December 5 | **7pm**
 - Fantastical Amazingly Jesus Christmas Concert: feat. Frank Hart | December 5
 - The Music of Christmas | December 12
 - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols | December 19
- Christmas Eve Worship | Monday, December 24 | 5:00pm, 6:30pm, 8:00pm
- Epiphany Worship | Sunday, December 30 | One Service | 10:00am

ADULT

- Because of Bethlehem: Max Lucado | Adult Faith | Sundays in December
- Northeast Orchestra Concert: A Festive Christmas | Friday, December 7 | 7:30pm

WOMEN

- Angels Among Us- Ladies' Night | Friday, Dec. 14 | 6pm -8:30pm | **Register Online**

YOUTH

- Youth Bake Sale | Let It Snow | **TODAY** | 5pm-7pm
- Youth Fundraiser @ El Wine Chateau | Saturday, December 8 | 3pm-5pm
 - Limited Seating – Be sure to purchase your ticket before all the spots are gone
- Confirmation Christmas Party | Wednesday, December 19 | 5:30-6:30pm
 - **Register Online** | **Deadline December 14**
- Youth Christmas Party | Sunday, December 23 | 7pm | **Register Online**

CHRISTMAS EVENT

- **Let it Snow & Chili Cook Off** | **TODAY** | **5:00pm** | **Invite your friends**
 - *Go online to register your chili for this year's cook off!*
- **Narnia Movie Night** | **Saturday, December 8** | **6pm** | **Register Online**

OUTREACH

- Night of Hope | Thursday, December 13 | 6:00pm-7:30pm | Donna Park Elementary