

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 9, 2018

PRELUDE “Variations on PUER NOBIS”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” [LW 14]

OPENING LITURGY

ANTHEM

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Julian Wachner

Voices of Peace

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 55:1-3** [NIV]

¹“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

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 2]

HOLY GOSPEL **John 6:35-40** [NIV]

³⁵Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

P: Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

C: **He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!**

STATEMENT of FAITH *based on John 1:1-5, 10-14, 3:16*

HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates” [LW 24, v. 1-3]

SERMON “TURKISH DELIGHTS”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing: Joan Wallace**-recovering from back surgery (Dec. 3); the family of **Steve Anderson**-suddenly passed away in Wichita, KS.

•**Wisdom and Courage: RA School and AIM Ministries.**

HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Lo, He Come with Clouds Descending”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Organ

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” [LW 15]

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates” [LW 24, v. 4-5]

POSTLUDE “Toccata on Truro”

arr. Gilbert Martin

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

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

WORSHIP

- The Music of Christmas | Wednesday, December 12 | 7:00pm
- **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols | Wednesday, December 19 | 7:00pm**
- **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

WOMEN

- Angels Among Us- Ladies' Night | Friday, Dec. 14 | 6pm -8:30pm | **Register Online**
- Breathe Life Ministries Women's Conference | January 18-19, 2019 | **Register Online**

YOUTH

- Confirmation Christmas Party | Wednesday, December 19 | 5:30-6:30pm
 - **Register Online | Deadline December 14**
- Youth Christmas Party | Sunday, December 23 | 7pm | **Register Online**

OUTREACH

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