

*Peace*



*On earth peace, good will toward men.*

*Luke 2:14*

Sunday Worship  
West Barre United Methodist Church  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Changes Everything  
December 5, 2021

*This worship is being broadcast to the parking lot where it can be listened to on the vehicle's FM radio, 107.5. It is also live on Facebook and later on the West Barre UMC channel of YouTube.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Choir Anthem**

**\* Hymn            “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”            UMH #211**

**\*Call To Worship**

Leader: Behold my Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My Soul is well pleased

**People: I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare justice to the Gentiles.**

Leader: He will not quarrel nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets

**People: A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax will not quench**

Leader: Until he sends forth justice to victory.

**All: And in His name will the Gentiles trust.**

### **\*Unison Prayer**

**God of the ages, we praise you today that Christmas brings to us a new revelation of Yourself. By sending your Son to us, you have revealed to us a more perfect understanding of Who you are. We have seen You in the Old Testament as the God of Holiness, Power, Judgment and Righteousness. But now You have shown us anew Your Compassion, Love, and Forgiveness. How we thank You that You so loved us that you sent your Son, that whoever believes in Him has everlasting life. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 1: 18-25, Luke 1:26-33

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

### **Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

### **Joys, Concerns and Announcements**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**\*Hymn.            "Love Came Down at Christmas"            UMH #242**

**Morning Meditation:**    "A New Revelation of God"

**A Service of Word and Table. UMH #12**

**\*Hymn.            "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"            UMH #384**

### **Benediction with Blessing**

Lord Jesus, as You have revealed Yourself as the God of Caring, Compassion, Servanthood, Love and Acceptance, help us to be

### **Benediction with Blessing (cont.)**

examples of Yourself in our hearts, words, and actions as we go our way into the harvest field. Amen

### **\*Sending Forth**

Disperse in Mission

Note for visitors: **Bold text is spoken in unison**, \*congregation standing as able. Please sign our visitor log before you leave, we'd love to be in touch with you! Refreshments are served after worship through the door at the front of the sanctuary.

To access our website, type: [westbarreumc.org](http://westbarreumc.org)

We are also on Facebook, type: West Barre UMC

To contact Rev. Heiler: 716-523-7542 or [jheiler0409@gmail.com](mailto:jheiler0409@gmail.com)  
Pastor Jim is available at 8 am on Sunday mornings, and  
Wednesdays from 12:30-6:30 pm, for anyone who might like to  
meet/talk with him.

Again this year Sharon Miller and her elves will be delivering Christmas Cards for you. Bring your cards starting December 5th but no later than December 19th for delivery. Please bring only the cards for people that are regular attendees or have family members that come and are willing to take them. Another elf, Jim Peglow, is gathering a group to go caroling to the shut-ins on December 12, so if you would like to send a card to our shut-ins have them in church by December 12 and the caroling elves will deliver them for you. Jim and Jean can give you a list of the shut-ins if you need it.

## **Assisting in Worship**

	Today 12/5	Next Sunday 12/12
Preaching:	Rev. Jim Heiler	Rev. Jim Heiler
Greeters/Ushers:	Dean & Karen Dibley	Ed & Diana Pask
Liturgist:	Jim Peglow	Jim Peglow
Organist:	Naomi Caldwell	Naomi Caldwell
Choir Director:	Hugh Dudley	Hugh Dudley
Altar Flowers:	Dean & Karen Dibley	Ed & Diana Pask

## **Announcements:**

Monday (6):	6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study in person & zoom
Tuesday (7):	7 pm Choir
Wednesday (8):	1:00 pm United Methodist Ladies 6:30 pm Charge Conference
Saturday (11):	3 pm Blue Christmas at Albion 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian 29 E. State St. Albion 5:30 pm Barre Betterment's Christmas Tractor Parade

## **Looking ahead:**

December 12 <sup>th</sup> :	3-5 pm Christmas caroling to shut-ins
December 13 <sup>th</sup> :	6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study in person & zoom
December 14 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00 pm Choir
December 17 <sup>th</sup> :	6:30 pm Family night supper with Youth Christmas Program
December 24 <sup>th</sup> :	9 pm Christmas Eve Service

**Food Pantry:** Baby needs (or item of your choice). Please place in bins either by the coat rack in the Chapel or at the top of the ramp.

**Shopping Cart Mission:** Cereal

**Monthly Mission:** Our Christmas gift to Jesus – Heifer International Project

**Financial Statement:**

December 28, 2021	\$	3,090.00	
Giving to Date:	\$	86,004.00	
Included:			
Hands for Hope:	\$	500.00	\$759.00
Heifer International:	\$	1,300.00	

**Birthdays this week:**

5~ Virginia Davis  
6 ~ Carolyn Unger  
8 ~ Shania Mathes  
10 ~ Wilma Richardson

Happy  
Birthday!

**Anniversaries this week:**

7~ Pete & Lois Nesbitt

HAPPY  
Anniversary!

Copies of the Bridge Newsletter from the Conference are on the back rack in the Sanctuary and on the table by the door in the Chapel, along with the Advocate and the One Hope for Asia Newsletter

Copies of this month's newsletter are on the back rack in the Sanctuary.

Manufactures coupons for our Military overseas may be up to two Months expired. You may send the coupons directly to: Support Our Troops, Troopons, Box 70, Daytona Beach, FL 32115



## 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive  
 2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on  
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en-sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show  
 Si - nai's height in an-cient times once gave the law  
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

*Refrain*  
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-  
 in cloud and maj-es - ty and awe.  
 all peo-ples on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry VENI EMMANUEL  
 Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986 LM with Refrain  
 MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

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5. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
The captives from their prison free,  
and conquer death's deep misery.  
*Refrain*

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thy justice here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Refrain*

7. O come, Desire of nations bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
deliver us from earthly strife.  
*Refrain*

*Antiphons may be read before and between hymn stanzas.*

Antiphon 1 O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior: **Come and save us, O Lord, our God.**

Antiphon 2 O WISDOM, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: **Come, and teach us the way of prudence.**

Antiphon 3 O ADONAI and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush and gave him the law on Sinai: **Come, and with your outstretched arm redeem us.**

Antiphon 4 O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication: **Come, and deliver us and tarry not.**

Antiphon 5 O KEY OF DAVID and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens: **Come, and bring forth from prison the captive who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Antiphon 6 O DAYSPRING, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice: **Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Antiphon 7 O KING OF THE GENTILES and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one: **Come, and deliver us whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.**



## 242 Love Came Down at Christmas

1. Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love di-vine;  
 2. Wor-ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di-vine;  
 3. Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine;

Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gels gave the sign.  
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
 love to God and all men,\* love for plea and gift and sign.

\*"neighbor" may be substituted for "all men"

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## 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



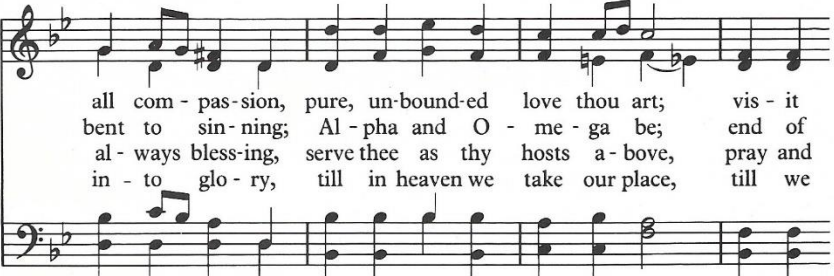
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art  
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our  
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of  
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and  
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we



us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence*

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

*Leader and people:*

**Glory to God. Amen.**

### THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*All exchange signs and words of God's peace*

### OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

### TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

HYMN OR SONG

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

GOING FORTH