

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE**

**JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
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A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

"Where you are welcome, long before you arrive."

Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and eat at the welcome table. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the martyr Jan Hus. Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, however, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language (it is printed in the bulletin in English as well, so don't be afraid to sing out in English if your Czech is a little rusty).

Worship at Jan Hus is a time for the Body of Christ to affirm God's vision for the world and witness the Gospel of Hope. We believe that God is greater than human language or experience, and to more fully experience our God, we embrace language that acknowledges God the Mother and God the Father. We hold fast to the tenets of the Reformation that call for the priesthood of all believers, therefore ours is a community pulpit, one in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by both clergy and laity and that allows for a greater reflection of the community as a whole – a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer and at the core of our collective experience. Sermons are conversations that give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Sermons may invite us into new ways of seeing and hearing God or deepen and affirm those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church. That's fine – our God loves to challenge us with the unexpected! Please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you a piece of the God who loves us all. We are happy to have you with us and thank God for bringing us together on this, the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.



*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Faith Hope and Love,
By these gifts we live.

Given by God, received in the Spirit, learned from Christ.
Together with sisters and brothers throughout the world, whose faith, hope and love carry them through good times and bad, we gather at Advent in a festival of praise and thanksgiving for the gift of God in Jesus Christ, until he comes again.

Be it New York City Presbytery, New Hope Presbytery or Better Hope, Guyana,
We are part of a global community of faith, whose hope is grounded in the unfailing love of God, come to live among us: Emanuel.

We light the first candle of Advent; the candle of hope.
Let all who are discouraged to take heart in this light. It is both in suffering and in celebration that we hope. Let us not close ourselves to hope when it seems naive, or is too painful. And let us refuse to call any place or time or person hopeless.

For this is the light of Emmanuel, the candle of Hope.

HYMN: ONE CANDLE IS LIT v1&2

JESUS CHRIST

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One Candle Is Lit

Unison

1. Come sure - ly, Lord Je - sus, as dawn fol - lows night,
2. Come quick - ly, sha - lom, teach us how to pre - pare

1. our hearts long to greet you, as ros - es, the light.
2. for a gift that com - pels us with jus - tice to care.

1. Sal - va - tion, draw near us, our vi - sion en - gage.
2. Our spir - its are rest - less till sin and war cease.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are hoping, O God
for everyone to have enough food.

We are hoping
for swords to be turned into plowshares.

We are hoping
to see all people treated with dignity.

We are hoping
for clean water for all.

We are hoping
for the meek to be blessed and inherit the earth.

We are hoping
for the end of all forms of bigotry and hatred.

We are hoping for you, O God
hoping and waiting for your kingdom coming.

Come.
Let us worship this inspiring and life-giving God together!

HYMN #9 O COME O COME EMMANUEL (VENI EMMANUEL)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to the, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to the, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to the, O Israel.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We wait in darkness and in cold for the warmth brought to us by the Christ-Child. On the streets, our brothers and sisters wait with their bowls, huddling under blankets. In our homes we wait, longing for you. We know, O Human One, that others wait for us. The wait is hard and we would rather minister to ourselves than bring the hope of your coming to others. We confess our desire to wrap ourselves in what we buy and forget what your coming really means. Our hearts must turn to your way. Our hands must reach out to those who no longer expect kindness. Our eyes must be raised to see your entire world, not only the small part of it that is our lives. This is the Hope you call us to, Emmanuel. In making of ourselves a giving people, we make of ourselves your people. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION:

RESPONSE:

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 316

Edwin Hatch, 1886 TRENTHAM SM Robert Jackson, 1894

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new.
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

Hope is the expectation with confidence that what is desired will happen. In that way we hope for God’s unending love & forgiveness – and we know it has happened again – just now. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace, filled with hope!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

With hopeful hearts, anticipating the coming of Jesus, we read and listen to these scriptures with a heart that yearns to be full with the knowledge of God’s will and promise for us. Listen. Hear such things and more in these words that follow. Amen.

FIRST READING: MICAH 5:2-5: THE RULER FROM BETHLEHEM

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of God, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:46-55: MARY’S SONG OF PRAISE (THE MAGNIFICAT)

And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God’s servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is the Mighty One’s name.

God’s mercy is for those who fear her from generation to generation. God has shown strength with his arm; God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. The Mighty One has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. God has helped God’s servant Israel, in remembrance of God’s mercy, according to the promise that was made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

SERMON

ELDER KERRY FLYNN

*** HYMN: CANTICLE OF THE TURNING**

1. My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you—
3. From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a
4. Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-
God of my heart is great, and my
work great things in me, and your
stone will be left on stone. Let the
mem-ber who holds us fast: God’s—
spi-rit sings of the won-drous things that you
mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the
king be-ware for your jus-tice tears ev-ry
mer-cy must de-liv-er us from the
bring to the ones who wait. You
end of the age to be. Your
ty-rant from his throne. The
con-quer-or’s crush-ing grasp. This
fixed your sight on your ser-vant’s plight, and my
ver-hun-gry name puts the proud to shame, and to
sav-ing word that our fore-bears heard is the

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weak- ness you did not spurn, so from
 those who would for you yearn, you will
 food they can nev- er earn: There are
 prom- ise which holds us bound, 'Til the

east to west shall my name be— blessed. Could the
 show your might, put the strong to— flight, for the
 ta- bles spread, ev- 'ry mouth be— fed, for the
 spear and rod can be crushed by— God, who is

world be a- bout to— turn? } My
 world is a- bout to— turn. }
 world is a- bout to— turn. }
 turn- ing the world a- round. }

heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus- tice burn. Wipe a-
 way all tears, for the dawn draws— near, and the
 world is a- bout to— turn.

PREPARING FOR THE OFFERING

In this world, someone has too much. **Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.**

When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus. **Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.**

O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread. And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice. When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: “Send the people away, so they may get something to eat.”

Jesus answered: “You give them something to eat.”

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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BLESSING THE OFFERING: And the people reached in their pockets and pulled out the bread and the fishes and shared them, and there was abundance for all, and even more. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US (IN UNISON)

Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kindom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN #1: COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Charles Wesley, 1744

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; alt.

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
 3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
 4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

BLESSING RESPONSE: Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION Sung Blessing (in English or Czech)

Christians rise and act your creed,
 Let your prayer be in your deed;
 Seek the right, perform the true,
 Raise your work and life anew.
 Come then law divine and reign,
 Freest faith assailed in vain.
 Perfect love, bereft of fear,
 born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.

Amen to pozehnani prjdz na nas vsecky,
 Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,
 A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,
 Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
 Amen.

POSTLUDE

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