# Anthem: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art:

Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone: By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

# Offertory: *Like a Rose* Text: Ruth Elaine Schram

When the winter is dreary, and the trees are all bare,
When our spirits are weary, and filled with despair,
We will long for a new day when a warmer wind blows,
Where the blooms are appearing, and the desert will blossom like a rose.

In the wilderness, streams will break forth,
And all flesh shall see it together for the mouth
of the Lord hath spoken it.
Then blind eyes will see Him,
and deaf ears will hear!
The lame and the cripple
The legs of the lame will leap like the deer.

O, how we are longing; our hope ever grows for the day of His coming when the desert will blossom like a rose. In the wilderness, streams will break forth, And all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

And the desert will blossom like a rose.

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The Congregational Home, founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

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# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WAUWATOSA

#### Our Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God, to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith, to reach out with compassion to those in need, to treat each other with love and understanding, and to return to God a portion of God's gifts.

## WORSHIP IN THE NAVE

November 27, 2022~10am / First Sunday of Advent

# Please silence your cell phones.

If you are a guest today, we would love to meet and greet you.

A nursery for infants and toddlers is available during the 10:00 AM service.

\*Indicates where you are to stand, if you are able.

WELCOME Rev. Jim Gorman

**GREETING OF PEACE** 

PRELUDE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel setting, David Gale

Rhonda Kwiecien, Director of Music & Keyboard Artist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Keith Harmon

Leader: A voice cries in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord. **PEOPLE:** Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and hill be made low.

**PEOPLE:** The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

PEOPLE: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

(Isaiah 40:3-5)

\*HYMN 92 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Rick Nowacki and Meghan Jeide

#### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### THE CHILDREN'S STORY

Tonia Wallner

Children ages 3 - 5th grade are invited to Sunday School. Youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to Pilgrim Fellowship in Youth Room 302.

ANTHEM Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus setting, Austin C. Lovelace

Polish Carol: *Wzlobie lezy* Ellen Shuler directs the FCC Choir

THE LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5 Bible, page 618

Matthew 24:36-44 Bible, page 903

THE MESSAGE "And It Shall Come to Pass" Rev. Jim Gorman

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY Like a Rose by Ruth Elaine Schram

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

\*HYMN

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (Please see hymn insert)

MORNING SONG

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE

The King Shall Come

setting, Michael Burkhardt

Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Friendship Lounge following the service.

Thank you to the Board of Deacons and the many volunteers whose hard work transformed the Nave so beautifully for Advent and Christmas.

# Caring Corner as of November 23, 2022

## Born to Eternal Life

**Bob Hipke,** husband of Jackie Hipke and father of Deborah Masloroff and Robert Hipke, passed away on November 21, 2022. Services were held.

## From Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith

"My father has passed away on November 2nd. I have been touched by and felt your care along these days."

# SUNDAY PREVIEW: DECEMBER 4, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM

Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith Rhonda Kwiecien, Music Director & Keyboard Musician Ellen Shuler, Choir Director