



**DUNDEE**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**

**December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent**

***We're grateful for your presence today!***

We believe our purpose is to love God and share Jesus Christ. We strive to be a congregation in which all feel welcomed and find opportunities to engage and grow. Wherever you are in your journey with God, we want you to know you are welcome here.

**We are pleased to offer nursery care for children 0-3 years old at every service.**



## *Dundee Advent and Christmas*

- Dec. 6 – Dundee Church Night, 5:30 PM Dinner,  
6:30 PM Bible Study for all ages – Adult Bible Study, “Angels”**
- Dec. 10 – Second Sunday of Advent, Worship at 9 AM & 11 AM**
- Dec. 10 – Caroling at 1 PM for residents at Aksarben Village Senior Living, and the Arboretum Retirement Community**
- Dec. 13 – Dundee Church Night, 5:30 PM Dinner,  
6:30 PM Bible Study for all ages – Adult Bible Study, “Angels”**
- Dec. 15 – DPC Youth Group Christmas Party, 7-11 PM**
- Dec. 16 – Holly Jolly Christmas Crafting, Saturday, 9-11 AM,  
for fun, crafting and Christ-centered activities**
- Dec. 17 – Dundee Children Sing at 11 AM with the choir**
- Dec. 17 – Third Sunday of Advent, Worship at 9 AM & 11 AM**
- Dec. 17 – Blue Christmas Service, 3 PM**
- Dec. 20 – Dundee Church Night, 5:30 PM Dinner,  
6:30 PM Bible Study for all ages – Adult Bible Study, “Angels”**
- Dec. 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent,  
Christmas Eve Worship at 9 AM & 11 AM**
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship Services at 4 PM & 9 PM**



**Sunday Worship @ 9AM & 11AM**  
**5312 Underwood Ave. Omaha, NE 68132**  
**402-558-2330 // [www.dpcomaha.org](http://www.dpcomaha.org)**

Join in Worship, Sundays at 9 & 11AM also on [Facebook.com/dpcomaha](https://www.facebook.com/dpcomaha)  
Church of the Air is broadcast on 1110 KFAB, Sundays at 8:30AM  
The Dundee Church Podcast – on Facebook, YouTube and [dpcomaha.org](http://dpcomaha.org)



## **December 10th Caroling with Dundee Church**

Please join us as we share the joy of the Christmas season with our homebound members at Aksarben Senior Living and the Arboretum Retirement Community. Please come and bring your family and friends on Sunday, December 10.

Meet at 1:00 PM at Aksarben Village,  
Arboretum at 2:00 PM.

## **Holly Jolly Christmas at Dundee Church**

Join the fun Dec. 16, 9-11 AM in the Underground for a morning of Christmas crafts and lots of Christmas cheer! For more information contact Liz at [lschaben@dpcomaha.org](mailto:lschaben@dpcomaha.org).

## **2023 Advent Devotional**



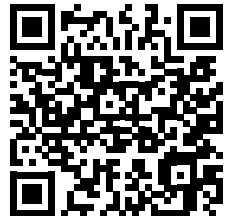
Follow along in a devotional journey through the Advent season with the Apocalyptic Advent – Embracing Hope In The 2nd Coming Of Christ. You can access the webpage with the QR Code, a link will be included in the weekly email and printed copies are available here at church.

## **Abide Christmas on Campus**

Christmas will be arriving on the Abide campus on December 9th. Abide is one of our mission focus ministries. The hope is that Abide will be able to serve 1000 children (ages 0-10) this year by providing a gift to a child that otherwise might not receive one.

There are many opportunities to volunteer.

- Drop off a gift at the church before December 4th. Gift cards are always welcome but a new shiny toy brings a lot of joy.
- You can volunteer your time and talent. Use the QR code at right to visit the Abide volunteer sign-up webpage for Christmas On Campus.



**Prayer in the Chapel with the Prayer Team  
after worship services.**

### **CHURCH OFFICES HOURS**

**Mon to Thurs. – 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Fri. – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

If you would like to have a church announcement in the bulletin or online please e-mail your information to Shelly at [bulletins@dpcomaha.org](mailto:bulletins@dpcomaha.org).

**Please observe all parking and non-parking zones around the church.**

**Meditation** – What frames your greatest hope? Isaiah, the prophet, hoped that God would tear open the heavens and come down to us. This was his hope because he knew that God has enemies and he so loved God that he wanted God to do something dramatic and final so that the enemies of God would be put to complete shame. Isaiah was saddened by the condition of humanity and this framed his greatest hope for God to intervene on our behalf.

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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**Prelude**

Dr. Wayne Kallstrom

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (Fedak)

**Announcements**

**Introit** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Choir

**Advent Candle Lighting**  
**The Candle of Hope**

Liz Schaben

Leila Sowl

daughter of Nick & Sydney Sowl

**Congregation Respons** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

**Call To Worship**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth! Stir up your might and come to save us!

**We pray for restoration of our relationship with the Lord. We pray for forgiveness and renewal. Let Your face shine upon us, Jesus.**

Let us pray for Jesus to come into our world. Let us live with joyful hope for His arrival and for His victory. Let us rejoice in His mercy and grace.

**We know the story well; the baby Jesus is born in Bethlehem. In our hearts and with our faith, we seek to bow down in homage of Him.**

The Word is made flesh and dwells among us. Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of Jesus Christ will not pass away.

**We are here to listen and to learn. We are here to worship and to pray. We are here to serve our Lord in the fullness of the Spirit**

**Invocation**

## \*Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymn 135

### Verse 1

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.

### Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
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..

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## CONFESSON AND FELLOWSHIP

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### Call to Confession

Rev. J.D. Georlett

### Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we hope for less than we should. We hope for what we can imagine. We hope for what satisfies our appetites. We hope for a life without pain and difficulty. We hope that You will deliver to us a life that slightly exceeds our best expectations for ease and comfort. In all of these ways, we become blind to what You are doing in our lives. We fail to see that You are able to bless us even when You lead us through dark valleys. We become easily disappointed when You act according to Your own designs for us. Our hopes become a source of fracture with You because we haven't framed them within Your will. Please forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

Rev. J.D. Georlett

#### \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

#### \*Passing of the Peace of Our Lord

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

#### Moment with Children

*Children age 3 to 5th grade are dismissed for Kids Own Worship*

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## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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**Anthem** *The Morning Star Will Rise* (Dengler)

Choir

**The Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

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## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & GIFTS TO GOD

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**The Calling to Christian Offering**

**Offertory**

Dr. Wayne Kallstrom, piano

*Aria* (Telemann)

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer and Dedication of the Offering**

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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**Old Testament Scripture** Isaiah 64:1-4

**New Testament Scripture** Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**Today's Sermon**

***"Hope"***

Rev. J.D. Georlett

CELEBRATING THE LIVING WORD

**\*Closing Hymn *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*** Hymn 136

*Verse 1*

On Jordan's bank  
the Baptist's cry  
announces that the  
Lord is nigh:  
awake and listen for he brings  
glad tidings of the  
King of kings.

*Verse 2*

Let every heart be  
cleansed from sin,  
make straight the way  
for God within,  
and so prepare to  
be the home  
where such a mighty  
guest may come.

*Verse 3*

For you are our  
salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our  
great reward;

without your grace  
we waste away  
like flowers that wither  
and decay.

*Verse 4*

To heal the sick, stretch  
out your hand,  
and make the fallen  
sinner stand;  
shine out, and let  
your light restore  
earth's own true  
loveliness once more.

*Verse 5*

To you, O Christ, all praises be,  
whose advent sets  
your people free;  
whom with the  
Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore!

## Benediction

**\*Benediction Response *Blessings***

Choir

**\*Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune* (Telemann)

Dr. Wayne Kallstrom, piano

