

## Worship Stuff for The Reign of Christ to Christmas Eve 2024

# How Does our Creator Choose to Exercise Power?



The celebrations and considerations that surround the seasons of Advent and Christmas focus on the coming of our Creator in a surprising, indeed startling, way to save their world through forgiving and reconciling love. Early Christian thought leaders drew on the witness of the Hebrew prophets to help their communities make sense of that in an age of rage and rubble. We will do the same in this year of our Lord, 2024.

**November 24 – The Reign of Christ**

**Scriptures**                      **Psalm – 93 – Refrain #1**  
**Gospel – John 18:33-37**

**Sermon Title**                      **Reigning in Forgiving and Reconciling Love**

**Word to Ponder**                      **Reconciliation**

**Opening Song - #122 – Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel - v.2**

**Hymns – 1 #272 – Christ is King!**  
**2 #266 - King of Kings**  
**3 #474 – The love of God comes close**

**Special Notes**

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**December 1 – First Sunday in Advent – Hope  
Celebrating Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table**

**Scriptures**                      **Psalm – 25 – Refrain #1**  
**Hebrew Bible – Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Sermon Title**                      **Remembering our Creator’s Promise**

**Word to Ponder**                      **Promise**

**Opening Song – Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel - v.1**

**Hymns – 1 #119 – Hope is a star**  
**2 #124 – People that in darkness**  
**3 #127 – Sleepers, wake!**

**Special Notes**

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**December 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent - Peace**

**Scriptures**                      **Psalm – 103 – Refrain #1**  
**Hebrew Bible – Malachi 3:1-4**

**Sermon Title**                      **Coming for Righteousness**

**Word to Ponder**                      **Righteousness**

**Opening Song – Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel – v.3**

**Hymns – 1 #113 – Comfort, comfort you my people**  
**2 #115 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**  
**3 #122 – Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel**

**Special Notes**

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**December 15 – Third Sunday in Advent - Joy**

**Scriptures**

**Psalm – 47 – Refrain #1  
Hebrew Bible – Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**Sermon Title**

**Renewed by the Creator’s Love**

**Word to Ponder**

**Renewal**

**Opening Song – Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel – v.6**

**Hymns – 1 #78 – This is the day**

**2 #141 – Good Christians, all rejoice**

**3 #410 – Joyful, joyful we adore you**

**Special Notes**

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**December 22 – Fourth Sunday in Advent – Love**

**Scriptures**                      **Psalm – 80:1-7 – Refrain #1**  
**Hebrew Bible – Micah 5:2-5a**

**Sermon Title**                      **The One of Peace**

**Word to Ponder**                      **Peace**

**Opening Song – Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel – v.7**

**Hymns – 1 #125 – People, look east**  
**2 #131 – Tomorrow Christ is coming**  
**3 #121 – Long ago, prophets knew**

**Special Notes**

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**December 24 – Christmas Eve – Cantor – Shruti Ramani**

**Scriptures – Luke 2:1-20**

**Reflection            The Hopes and Dreams of All the Years**

**Carols – 1 - #142 – I wonder as I wander  
2 - #144 – ‘Twas in the moon of wintertime  
3 - #149 – Away in a manger  
4 - #154 – Silent night (with the lighting of the candles)  
5 – #153 – Joy to the world**

**Special Notes**

- We will pass the light around through out candles during the singing of ‘Silent night’ with Brian lighting Pam’s candle and Pam light the candle of the person on the centre aisle who then passes it along
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