

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 12, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (13th Century Plainsong, arr. Norris L. Stephens)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 89:*** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

***Opening Prayer***

***Lighting of the Advent Candle:*** The Candle of Joy

***Special Music:*** "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" (George Frederic Handel, arr. Faye Lopez)

***Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts***

*Doxology*

***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*** (using debts and debtors)

***Old Testament Reading:*** Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

***Sermon: "GOING HOME"***

***Hymn 495:*** "They'll Know We Are Christians"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 380 (v. 2):*** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

***Greet One Another***

Today's Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Darleen Wirt, Bob Z, Gina Patton, Roger Kennedy, Ann McClelland, Shannon Quinn, Lorraine Finison

THE TRIUNE GOD

89

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Haggai 2:7

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Attr. to Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716

*Psalmodia Sacra*, Gotha, 1715

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

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us,  
 earth Thou art: Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,  
 yet a king, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,  
 hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it

Let us find our rest in Thee.  
 Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne. A - men.

STUTT GART  
8.7.8.7

They'll Know We Are Christians

John 13:35

Peter Scholtes, 1938-

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*Unison* Fm Cm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, We are one in the  
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each  
 work side by side, We will work with each  
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -  
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll  
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

# GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:  
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Holy and eternal God, the commandment to love one another is both old and new, both universal and personal, both emboldening and humbling. We acknowledge that too often we are like fragments from a glass pane that has been shattered on the ground—disconnected, chaotically scattered and sharp-edged. Forgive us, Lord. As we resolve to seek Your will day by day, may Your Spirit bring deep and authentic love among persons and groups, nations and races, genders and generations. By this, may all know that we are Jesus' disciples. Amen.