



## “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

In a world where the light of Jesus comes anew at Christmas, our world seems to be in a dark place.

Why is this happening to us? Are we being punished for our sins or has God just abandoned us to our taskmasters, be they ancient, Egyptian, Roman or modern? These are questions that have been recycling throughout the ages when people have tried to understand where God was in the midst of their suffering. Listen anew to the story of our faith:

Exodus 3: *“Then the Lord said to Moses, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”*

Matthew 1: *23 “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel”, which means God is with us.*

Throughout the ages, the good news has been that God has not abandoned us to our suffering. God always leads us back from bondage to freedom.

Come and join us this season of Advent and Christmas to hear the story of the birth of Jesus – Saviour, Immanuel.

Come be filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Good news this Advent/Christmas season.

Come and experience the love of God among us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Light in the darkness.

Christmas Blessings and Hugs!

*Bob, Shelley, Ruth*

*Shannon, Rev. Phillip & Rev. Valerie*

*Therefore today – and all through this coming  
season of holy days,  
I stand quiet before Him,  
I stand still;  
I know that He is God.*



## Christmas at Woodlawn United

November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
11:30 AM	Bedlam in Bethlehem
December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 8:00 AM	Breakfast with Santa & Mystery Friends Revealed
10:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
	White Gift Sunday led by Sunday School
December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
7:00 PM	Salvation Army Band and Choir Concert
December 14 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 PM	Blue Christmas & Memorial Service
December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
	Special Music & Communion
December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Children’s Service
7:00 PM	Family Service
10:00 PM	Family Service with Communion
December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 AM	“Christmas Sunday”
January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017, 10:00 AM	“New Years Day Service”

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