



**United Presbyterian  
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**"WHERE GOD IS EXALTED,  
EVERYONE MATTERS,  
AND YOU BELONG!"**



*Welcome*



**LITURGIST:** In the beginning was the  
Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**He was with God in the beginning.**

*ALL: Through Him all things were  
made, and without Him nothing was  
made that has been made.*

**LITURGIST:** In Him was life, and that  
life was the light of humanity.

*ALL: The Light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

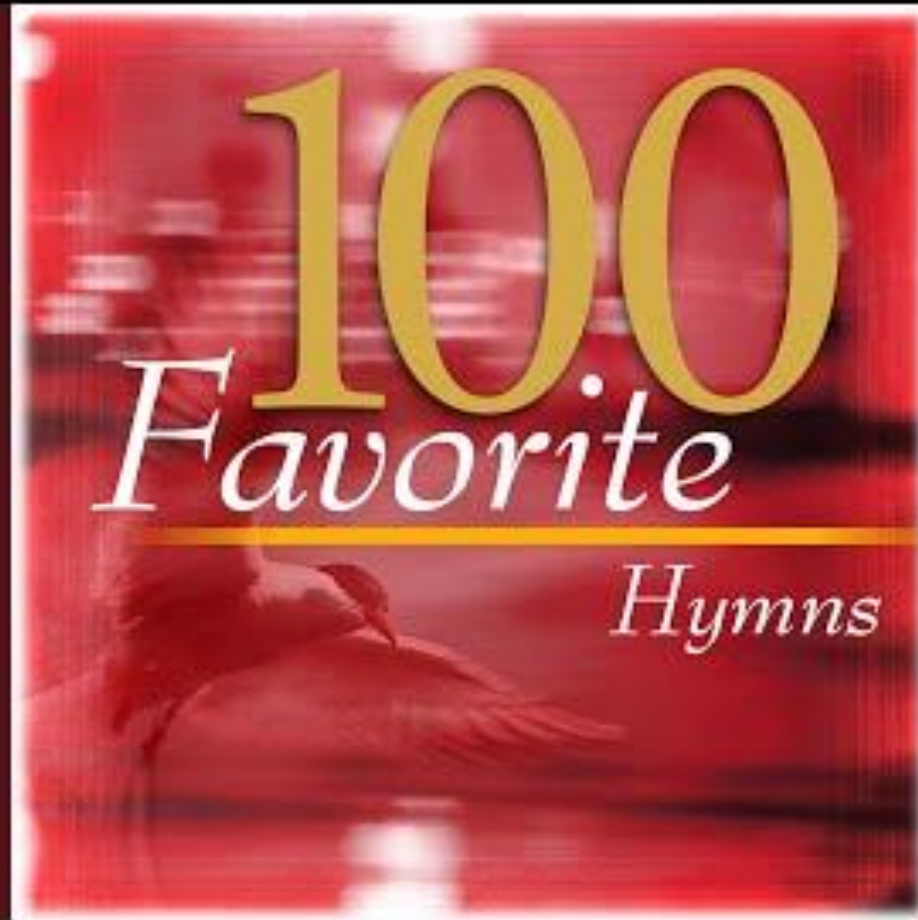


**HYMN - Jesus, The Light Of The World**

# READING AND LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

# SILENT MEDITATION





**HYMN - Open My Eyes That I May See**

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

FIRST READING – John 1: 6-13



**ADORATION & THANKS**



**HYMN - Heaven Came Down / KUSDA Church Choir**



19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders[a] in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

SECOND READING – John 1:19-23



**HOPE**

**&**

**POSSIBILITIES**

**PRAYER**



**HYMN - Carols from King's | #7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - The Choir of King's College, Cambridge**

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Third Reading – Matthew 1:18-25

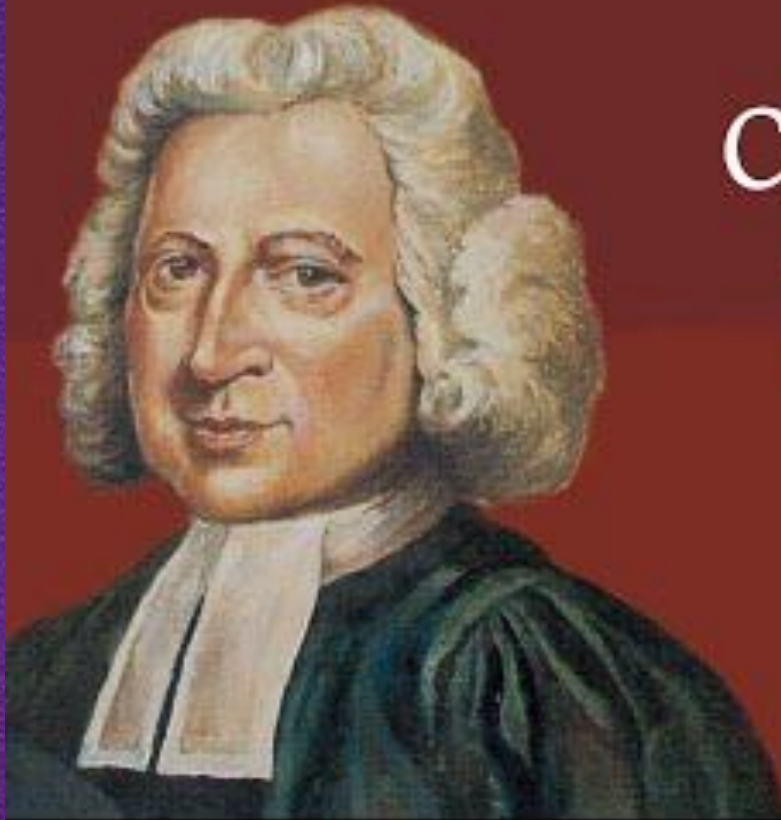


**RENEWAL**

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**PRAYER**

**REVIVAL**



Come, Thou Long-  
Expected Jesus

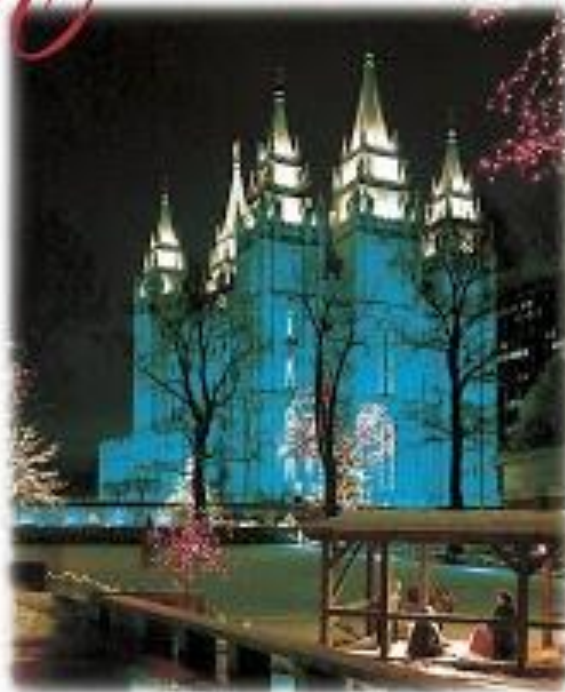
**Charles Wesley**

**HYMN - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Hope the Light of the World



CHRISTMAS WITH  
*the* **M**ormon Tabernacle Choir



**HYMN - Angels We Have Heard On High**

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