

Order of service:

Opening prayer / scripture – John Johnstone

For The Beauty Of The Earth, hymn #49 – verses 1,4,5

Prayer – John Johnstone

Emmanuel, sing twice – (on screen only)

I Cast All My Cares Upon You, sing twice – (on screen only)

Sacrament of Communion – John Johnstone

Offering Thought and Prayer – Denise Marshall

MESSAGE: “With God All Things Are Possible...”

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, hymn #86 – all verses

NOTE: the origin of this song is explained on the following page.

Closing prayer – John Johnstone

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“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” - The History

□ In 1744, Charles Wesley considered [Haggai 2:7](#) and looked at the situation of orphans in the areas around him. He also looked at the [class divide](#) in [Great Britain](#). Through this train of thought, he wrote "Come, Thou long expected Jesus" based upon Haggai 2:7 and a published prayer at the time which had the words: "Born Your people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Your gracious kingdom bring. By Your own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by Your all sufficient merit, raise us to Your glorious throne. Amen"

Wesley adapted this prayer into a hymn in 1744 and published it in his "*Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord*" hymnal. Wesley wrote "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" with the intent for people to remember [Advent](#) and Christmas as commemorating the [Nativity of Jesus](#) and preparing for the [Second Coming](#)

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" was the first of a number of Wesley's hymns that became known as the "Festival hymns". These "Festival hymns" were published outside of [Methodism](#) by German, [John Frederick Lampe](#) in 1746. The hymn came into popular knowledge across Christian denominations in England via into popular [Baptist](#) preacher, [Charles Spurgeon](#). Spurgeon made a Christmas sermon in London in 1855 when he was 21 and included sections of "Come thou long expected Jesus" in it. He did this to illustrate his point that very few are "born king" and that Jesus was the only one who had been born king without being a prince. As a result of the hymn's growing popularity, including in the [Church of England](#) and American hymnals, the hymn was first published in the Methodist [Wesleyan Hymn Book](#) in 1875 after having previously been excluded. The reason why the hymn had originally been excluded from the hymn book was that there had been no officially suitable music intended for it before then in recent times, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" has not been as well known as a Christmas Carol as others written around the same time. "[Joy to the World](#)" being one such example but "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" is still used to focus on the hope of the [Second Coming of Jesus](#)

Adult Bible Studies

- Sunday morning adult Sunday School in the library at 10:00am
- Sonshine Seekers Sunday School in their classroom at 10:00am
- Wednesday Bible Study - 2:00 – 3:00pm - "The Book of Acts"

Outreach Ministry

Christian Women's Fellowship meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon for a potluck and an outreach project.

Shoebox Ministry

This ministry is part of the [Samaritan's Purse International Relief Effort](#).

Franklin Graham – President; Samaritanspurse.org.

250 shoeboxes were sent this year due to the giving spirit of our church family. After Christmas we will begin collecting items for next year's drive.

CONGREGATION HAPPENINGS

Let us know what you would like to see happen in December..

CWF Project:

We are collecting items for our Lewis County Animal Shelter. Their funding is continually being cut so any outside help is much appreciated. Items needed at this time are: wood pellets (used for litter and found at stores like Tractor Supply, The Farm Store), cost is about \$4.00 a bag; canned kitten food (pate' style); dry kitten food; 45 gallon size trash bags; kitten toys; always need kennel blankets. Please help us help them.