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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



**December 4, 2022
11:00 am
Traditional Worship**

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Hark! What Mean These Holy Voices”

Call to Worship “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world—and change us.

We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.

Come! Let us worship our God—the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

*Hymn UMH # 211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*Verse 3 and 4*)

* Opening Prayer of Confession

O God, the stories of our faith have lost their power. We have heard the prophecies spoken so many times, the promises retold, again and again, the call to prepare ourselves for your coming repeated so often, we don't really hear or heed them anymore. We have replaced these messages of life: with guessing what presents we are getting, with preparing for parties and the social obligations of Christmas. Bring us back to a sense of mystery: a sense of awe, a sense of wonder, a sense of excitement, a sense of anticipation, a sense that something special is about to break into our everyday world. Help us prepare our hearts, souls, and minds for the coming of the Messiah. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear. God is with us, Emmanuel. Turn to God who brings light into the darkness and be the reflection of God's light for all the world to see. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace (*As forgiven, reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love*).

Lighting of the Advent Candle

FWS #2090 “Light the Advent Candle”

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Bobbi Edge

Open Altar, Open Heart (*As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor*).

Call to Prayer “King of Kings”

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Anthem “You Are Lord”

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon “Finding Our Way”

Invitation

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory “Christians, Carol Sweetly”

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread, Giving of the Bread and Cup

Anointing Oil

Robbie Yates

(All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction, (take the bread and dip a portion into the cup and then partake), or by using prepackaged communion elements. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand and an acolyte or pastor will bring communion to you.

(After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the altar rail go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund used primarily to assist the needy.)

Communion Music “Here is Bread, Here is Wine”

Prayer after the Meal

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn W&S #3047 “God Almighty, We Are Waiting”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude “Tell Out My Soul”

**Please stand as you are able*