



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 11, 2022

## PRELUDE

“Christmas Suite”  
J. Leavitt

## INTROIT

“Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)”

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Let us pray together:

God of hope, God of peace, and God of joy, teach us how to be joyful, and to spread that you to the entire world. God of peace, God of joy, come into our darkness and show us your light. Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (#59)

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God of hosts, we are in the midst of a season of exceptions as we wait to celebrate the birth of the incarnate-Word, Jesus Christ. We are easily frustrated when our wishes to not match the reality of busy schedules, unexpected conflicts and dueling priorities. Forgive us and, through the healing Spirit, calm our anxious hearts. Help us know you more fully as we follow the star to Bethlehem and welcome the Christ-child. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Thou Shall Know Him When He Comes”  
Mark Sirett

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we wait and watch for the star over Bethlehem, illuminate your truths in our hearts today by the reading of your holy word. We pray this in the name of Emmanuel, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:2-11

## MESSAGE

Wanting & Finding:  
“Wishing & Knowing”

## OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“Who is This”  
Jon Althoff/Nathan Stiff

## PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

## LORD’S PRAYER

## CLOSING SONG

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” (#176)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Toccata on Veni Emmanuel”  
P. Long

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TO GIVE:

