



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 8, 2024

PRELUDE "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (Young)

INTROIT "My Soul Will Magnify the Lord" (Getty)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION "Prelude on an Appalachian Carol"
(Emlen)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice cries out; a prophet speaks:

All: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

Leader: The valleys are filled; the mountains are made low.

All: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

Leader: The winding roads are made level, the rough ways made smooth.

All: In the wilderness, prepare the way.

Leader: God's salvation has come and even now it is on its way.

All: Blessed is the Lord God, who has come to save us!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE White family

***ADVENT HYMN** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cleansing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your searching hand. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life. Look with mercy upon us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "A Star, a Song, a Sign" (Nix/Paige)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of peace, who never lets us go, draw near to us in these ancient words. By your Holy Spirit may we be filled and lifted up as you prepare in our hearts the path of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34
(Pew Bible pg. 729-730)

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

"Come Thou Love Excelling"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:17-19
(Pew Bible pg. 1068)

MESSAGE

Behold! I Do a New Thing!:
"The Gift of a New Heart"

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Come For Us"
(Althoff/Hudson/Keith/Zimmer)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"
(#176 vs. 1-4)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus'"
(Long)

Transitional Pastor
Associate Pastor
Director of Worship
Director of Media
Organist/Accompanist
Youth Choir Director
Tech Team

Geoff Kohler
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Ronél Wishnuff
Olivia Donald
Riley McKenna
Jerry Carleton
Greg Kritzer
Lee & Berdi Meehan
Joey Carano
Pete Harrison
Nathan Hubbard
Youth Choir
Vickie Bakki

*Please Stand if able

Worship Band

Ensemble
Scripture Reader

To Give:

