



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 3, 2023

**PRELUDE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
(Dan Miller)

**INTROIT** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Let us pray together:

Lord, this is a season of longing. Today we long for hope. Hope that light will come into a dark world. Hope that a virgin will conceive a son called Emmanuel, God with us. Hope that the world will receive Jesus as Messiah, Savior, and Friend. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, we long to hear your voice today. Speak to us through your timeless words and illuminate your truths so we are prepared to traverse the hills and valleys of life's journey as your disciples. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 13:24-37

**DRAMA** "I Have One Job"  
(G. S. Kohler)

**MESSAGE** Longing:  
"Longing for Hope"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Hope of the World"  
(Words: #404, vs. 1-3)

## OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Snow Lay on the Ground"  
(arr. Vicki Hancock Wright)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of our longing, we are eager to do what is best. We confess that we do not always know what "best" is, or sometimes we willingly act against what we know is best. Forgive our foolish ways. Wash away our iniquities and prepare us to feast at your table, so we may be nourished into your perfect way. Amen.

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONGS

"Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night"  
"O Come, All You Unfaithful"

### PASTORAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### CLOSING HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"  
(#176 vs. 1-3)

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Veni Emmanuel"  
(Page C. Long)

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To Give:

