



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

DECEMBER 1, 2024

PRELUDE "Voluntary of Hyfrydol" (Jason D. Payne)

INTROIT "Creator of the Stars of Night"

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION "Prelude on a Basque Carol"
(George Emlen)

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.

All: Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The heavens are speaking; your kingdom is arriving.

All: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The world is turning; new life is appearing.

All: Keep us alert as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

All: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Graham Family

***ADVENT HYMN** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (#154 vs. 1-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped. We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to inconvenient truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our lives addicted to privilege. Show us the signs of your coming, that we may stand before you, the Son of Man, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ADVENT ANTIPHON "For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of hope, 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 LESSONS

Isaiah 43:18-19 (Pew Bible pg. 671)
Philippians 3:12-14 (Pew Bible pg. 1086)

MESSAGE

Behold! I do a New Thing!: "I Press On"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"
arr. Howard Helvey

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC "Behold the Lamb of God" (Peterson/Story)

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, our Provision, we rejoice that you satisfy our needs. By your presence in this meal you have fed us and strengthened us, as a mother nourishes her baby. In this waiting season fill us with hopeful expectation that we may see the signs of your kingdom all around us and rejoice in your coming salvation and glory. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (#153 vs. 1-2)

*BENEDICTION

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

Transitional Pastor
Associate Pastor
Director of Worship
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Organist/Accompanist
Pianist
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Geoff Kohler
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Riley McKenna
Aidan Williams
Jim Prutow
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Keith Sherwood
Chancel Choir

Ensembles

*Please Stand if able

To Give:

