



*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

WELCOME Drew Herring

PRELUDE Mark Gourley
Advent Reflection
(Incorporating Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence and O Come, O Come Emmanuel)
 Mark Patterson, arr.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE: HOPE The Bebeau Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Clatterbuck
Expectation
 Sharlande Sledge

*HYMN 79 The Church
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH John Bishop

Advent is believing in God's good.
Advent is embracing hope in fear.
 Advent is making peace in chaos.
Advent is finding joy within sorrow.
 Advent is love made visible.
Light in darkness,
 Life abundant,
Advent is waiting patiently...
 With hope and with peace,
With joy and with love.

*ADVENT RESPONSE 83 (verse one) The Church

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us;
 let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
 dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**
(As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children's lesson.)

CHILDREN'S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck

After the children's lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow the leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.

*HYMN 81 The Church
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PRAYERS Jennifer Clatterbuck

SOLO Jon Lawton, tenor
The Call

SERMON Drew Herring
How Can I Be Sure?
 Luke 1: 5-25

HYMN 99 The Church
View the Present Through the Promise

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Joy Wood

OFFERTORY DUET Jon Lawton, tenor
Mark Gourley, tenor
Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God
(from Judas Maccabaeus) Georg Frideric Handel; Hal Hopson, arr.

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY 119 (tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen) The Church

**His name is called Emmanuel, more wonderful than words can tell. God is with us! Alleluia!
 Born in our darkness, He is Light; Born in our weakness, He is Might.
 God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*BENEDICTION John Bishop

POSTLUDE Mark Gourley
Savior of the Nations, Come BWV 599

Thank you to Austin Syvanthong for serving as our worship helper today.

**We are Currently Collecting
 Commitment Cards:**

*Committed to Pray: 24
 Committed to Give Time & Talent: 20*

**2023 Budget: \$512,492
 Pledged so far: \$87,440 (17%)
 Number of pledges: 26**

We will continue collecting cards through
 December 31, 2022 @ noon.

We've received more orders for poinsettias than needed. Thank you so much!
 Our tree goes up Dec. 2nd.
 You may pick up your poinsettias after morning worship on Dec. 18th.

Special Called Business Meeting
 Dec. 14th @ 7:00 P.M. on zoom
 Voting on 2022 Committee Nominees, allocation of WMMO surplus, and a by-law change proposed by our deacons.