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## Order of Worship for 12/1/24

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**\* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Wood Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Advent is a time to wait.

**All: We wait in hope for the Lord; the Lord is our help and shield.**

One: During Advent, we wait for light in the darkness.

**All: We wait in hope for the Lord; the Lord is our help and shield.**

One: During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.

**All: We wait in hope for the Lord; the Lord is our help and shield.**

One: During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.

**All: We wait in hope for the Lord; the Lord is our help and shield.**

One: During Advent we wait for power in weakness.

**All: We wait in hope for the Lord; the Lord is our help and shield.**

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

# We Wait in Hope

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:  
Refrain

(1st Sunday) We wait in }  
(2nd Sunday) We watch in } hope \_\_\_\_\_ for the morn - ing Light.  
(3rd Sunday) We pre - pare in }  
(4th Sunday) We praise with }  
(Christmas Eve) We pro - claim with }

for the love of Christ to il - lu - mi - nate the night \_\_\_\_\_

We wait with }  
We watch with } joy \_\_\_\_\_ for the Sav - ior's birth;  
We pre - pare with }  
We praise with }  
We pro - claim with }

we wait in }  
we watch in } hope for peace on earth.  
we pre - pare in }  
we praise with }  
we pro - claim with }

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## OPENING PRAYER (all)

**Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #20

## Watchman Tell Us of the Night

1 Watchman, tell us of the night,  
What its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,  
See that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
Aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,  
Promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman, tell us of the night;  
Higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light,  
Peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone  
Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own;  
See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3 Watchman, tell us of the night,  
For the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight,

Doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;  
Hasten to your quiet home.  
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace,  
Lo! the Son of God is come!

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,  
**All: We are forgiven.**

\*HYMN Refrain from #23

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10

Old Testament page 502

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

This is the Word of the Lord

New Testament page 85

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN #5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of Light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

And so we sing with all the saints on earth  
and all the angels in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest...**

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

*(Gluten-free elements provided on stand in front.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**SENT IN GODS NAME**

\*CLOSING HYMN #12

People, Look East

1. People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,

That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* and *Book of Common Worship* (1993).

