



Order of Worship for 12/8/24

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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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Rhea Family

CHORAL OPENING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Advent is a time to prepare.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

One: During Advent we prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

One: During Advent we prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

One: During Advent we prepare to share the joy of Christ.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

One: During Advent we prepare to embrace the promise of Christ.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

LIGHTING THE THIRD 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)

Merciful God, you come into our midst longing for communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our resistance to life with you, show us the path toward just relations, and bring us into your unimaginable peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #27

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1 Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled,
To the world a stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.

2 Angels sang about His birth;
Wise men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth,
Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.

3 Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled,
But no more a stranger.

Son of God, of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His Name in all the earth,
Hail the King of glory!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. 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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #14

Savior of the Nations Come

1 Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, here make Your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 From the Godhead forth You came,
And return unto the same,
Captive leading death and hell.
High the song of triumph swell!

3 You, the chosen Holy One,
Have ov'r sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Your kingdom be;
When shall we its glories see?

4 Brightly does Your manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cast:

Ella Feldkamp
Adeline Gagner
Vincent Gagner
Lucille Rhea
Walter Rhea

Allie Shirley
Brooke Shirley
Mayson Wenz
Myla Wenz

Director – Tammy Wenz
Assistant Director – Teri Wood
Accompanist – Jiwon Lee

Congregation is invited to join in singing verses 2 and 3 of “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (#41)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Keith Huisken

CHILDREN’S CHOIR –

“C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S” & “Happy Birthday, Jesus”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Advent Promise”

*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16

SENT IN GODS NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

3 O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*.

