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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



December 2, 2018



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Advent I

Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Sing to the King*

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PRAISE *Shout to the Lord Forever
Light of the Stable*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

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SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

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SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 33:14-16
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SERMON *SILHOUETTES OF HOPE*

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CENTERING WORDS

Advent invites us to wait with courage and hope.

PRELUDE *Jesus, Dwell Thou With Us Meditation*
R. Wilson, D. Payton, R. Prichard
Brad Bettencourt, guest organist

INTROIT *The King of Glory Comes*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christmas is coming!
We look for signs of hope.
Waiting and watching, we enter this Advent season,
a time to find courage on the journey with God.

*OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* verses 1,2,6 & 7 No. 211

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

*OPENING PRAYER

**God of all hopefulness, bring hope to our days.
Grant us patience to watch and wait
for signs of your presence.
Illumine our steps and show us the path,
that we may find courage to live with faith
as we wait for the coming of Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell
*Nursery care is available.
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

CHORAL ANTHEM *Come, Emmanuel Come* Price/Besig

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 33:14-16
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Hymn (remain seated) *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* No. 196

SERMON *SILHOUETTES OF HOPE*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Traditional French Melody
*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God, whose dawn transfigures night.
Whose Daystar shines for us on high.
Whose Spirit brings into our sight.
The Hope to which our world draws nigh.**

HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal, page 15

Communion Music *Breath of Heaven* Amy Grant/Chris Eaton

*CLOSING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* verses 1-3 No. 213

*BENEDICTION

As we await Christmas, let us wait in hope with courage.
Let us go forth sharing the Hope of God with others.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* No. 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

POSTLUDE *And the Glory of the Lord* George Frederic Handel



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