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**8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**



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**December 3, 2017**



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Welcome to Worship!

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### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *Love Come Down*

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PRAISE *Wonderful Merciful Savior  
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\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

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SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 64:1-4, 6-8  
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OFFERING SONG *Grace That is Greater Than All Our Sin*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION *On Bended Knee*

FINAL BLESSING *Through It All*

\*CLOSING *I Have Decided*

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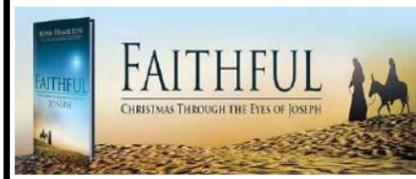
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### CENTERING WORDS

God's arrival shakes up everything like a mighty earthquake. Prepare for change, for this isn't just a season of waiting; this is a season of anticipating God breaking into our world.

### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Thomas Helmore  
from 13th Century song

CHORAL INTROIT *The King of Glory Comes* verse 1 TFWS #2091

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are waiting,  
**waiting for a change.**  
Christ is coming,  
**ready to shake us up.**  
Ready or not, we face this truth:  
**Christ is coming.**  
**Christ is coming soon.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* No. 203

### OPENING PRAYER

Christ of Christmas,  
break into this holy season  
with your promise of new life.  
Birth us anew, as we await your arrival.  
Re-form us and re-form our world.  
Open our eyes to see and our ears to hear,  
that we may perceive your presence  
and celebrate the changes  
you bring to our world.  
In your name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM *Advent Noel* Page and Shafferman

ADVENT CANDLE BLESSING/PRAYER Carolyn Russell

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nursery care is available.  
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Choral Call to Prayer *Sanctuary* TFWS #2164  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Choral Response *Sanctuary* TFWS #2164

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 64:1-4, 6-8  
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HYMN *(remain seated) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 196

SERMON ADVENT HIGHWAYS:  
*Turn Around*

OFFERING  
 Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Arr. Lloyd Larson  
 \*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*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.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal, page 15

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

\*HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* No. 213

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go to change the world:  
 with random acts of kindness,  
 with quiet words of hope,  
 with dramatic gifts of love,  
 and warm welcomes to every stranger you meet.  
**We go to change the world!**

\*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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Isaac Watts



*\*Worshippers stand as able*

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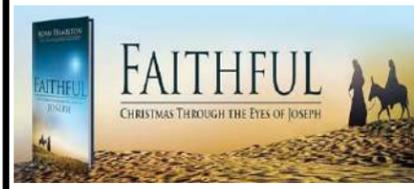


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