

November 27th, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Cares Chorus #2215

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** #196

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** #211(vs 1)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Have you seen itthe Spark of Hope that God is placing among us.

P: All we can see is hectic lives, crowded stores, darkness and fear.

L: Look again.....the spirit of God is moving, bringing hope.

P: We need to place our hope in God, but we are afraid.

L: A long time ago, people were afraid and God brought to them Light.

P: May God bring that light to us today! AMEN.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, open us to your presence, O God. Free us from the seasonal sentimentality that turns our attention from pursuing peace and justice. Through this worship, nudge us toward seeking reconciliation rather than revenge, the well-being of all rather than the victory of the few. Speak to us of hope, peace, joy, and love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM: Welcome Song

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

Luke 1:5-25

***HYMN: Like a Child**

#2092

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** 395

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** #206

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
