

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE: Mary Did You Know**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Lo, how a Rose E'er Blooming** #216

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: Emmanuel, Emmanuel** #204

**CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

**LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**\*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** #211(vs 2)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather in anticipation.

**P: For good news is about to be proclaimed**

L: We gather in preparation.

**P: For peace is coming to us.**

L: We gather in celebration.

**P: For we have said yes to the Prince of Peace.**

L: In anticipation and preparation, let us celebrate!

**P: May the peace that passes all understanding be with us all. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, we are challenged to be patient during these days of Advent. Yet we find ourselves growing less patient as we manage our overfilled calendars, shop online, wrap gifts, and decorate our homes into the late-night hours. Be patient in this moment of worship, strengthen our hearts, center our thoughts, give us signs of your hope and peace, as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**ANTHEM: *Dona Nobis Pacem***

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 1:18-23

Luke 1:26-38

**\*HYMN: Star Child** #2095

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

**GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #95

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)**

**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: O' Little Town of Bethlehem** #230

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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

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