

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

based on Psalm 130

Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God, as the Advent season begins, we cry out to you. We come to you looking for hope. When everything else we rely on fails us, our only hope is in you. When we do not understand what has happened, we hope in you. We can hope for better days because we trust you. We know you and we know you are here with us no matter what we are facing. Some of us see only darkness this time of year. Some of us find life overwhelming. Some of us are filled with Advent joy. Wherever we find ourselves today, Loving God, remind us that our hope is in you. Be with us on this journey. Amen.

* Hymns: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

PH 328:1,4,5,7

"Emmanuel"

* God's Greeting

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Psalm 42:1-6

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

Exodus 20:1-17

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 130:3-4,7-8

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *A Hopeful Farewell*

Acts 20: 17-35 (p. 1101)

* Hymn: "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

* Confession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PH 340:1,3,4

Offertory Prayer

for the General Fund & Children's Haven

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

II Thessalonians 2:16-17

* Doxology: "Bless His Holy Name"

PH 627

Postlude

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Pastor Joel Vande Werken

Liturgists: Beth Banning, Kaleb DeWeerd, Ria Jorritsma

Piano/Organ: Lisa Vos