

The First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
8:30a.m.

PRELUDE *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* *arr. Patricia Hurlbutt*
Prince of Peace Handbell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING *and* CALL to WORSHIP (see insert)

*SONG of PRAISE & WORSHIP *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Anne Carter, Lay Leader

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Good Lord, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

BLESSING *of the* ADVENT WREATH (see insert) Rev. Eric J. Shafer

LIGHTING *the* CANDLE *of* HOPE Isaiah 60:2-3 Diane and Ryan Aumiller

God Will Send a Righteous King Jeremiah 23:5-6 Andy Bucke

The Prophet Declares a Child will Be Born Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Rev. Barry Robison

SONG *of* REFLECTION *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* *arr. Karissa Dennis*
Prince of Peace Handbell Choir

The Fourth Servant Song Isaiah 53:1-6 Andy Bucke

The Mystery of the Incarnation John 1:1-5, 9-14 Pastor Eric

A MESSAGE *for* CHILDREN & YOUTH Pastor Eric

Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION *of* OUR LIVES, TITHES, *and* OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #221

"In the Bleak Midwinter" v. 4

*PRAYER *of* DEDICATION

Andy Bucke

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG *of* SENDING FORTH

"Hope Was Born This Night"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN #204 *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

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

**Please stand as able*

*Greeting and Call to Worship

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the
coming of the King?

**People: With branches of cedar, the tree of
royalty.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the
coming of the eternal Christ?

**People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose
leaves are ever living, ever green.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the
coming of our Savior?

**People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of
his passion, death and resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the
coming of the Son of God?

**People: By hearing again the words of the
prophets, who foretold the saving work
of God.**

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the
world to condemn the world, but that the
world through him might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: That the Christmas season may fill us with hope, peace, joy and love as we strive to follow the example of Jesus.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Unison: **Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light these candles. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen**

