

11:00a.m.

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

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

*HYMN #202

"People, Look East"

*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.*

POSTLUDE

Josh Stevenson

**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**

