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 Sunday, December 1, 2013  8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE  *“Christmas Fantasy”* – Rebbing

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Foote Family

 Leader: This first Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

 **People: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

\*HYMN *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” No. 9*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Faithful God, Your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior. We praise You for preparing a way for us that will lead to our salvation. Forgive us for focusing on the despair around us, instead of planting hope in the hearts of those near to us. We pray this through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;**

**Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born to day;**

**Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.**

**Christ is born to day! Christ is born today!**

 (Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE David Griffith

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 24:36-44 (NT p27)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT p631)*

SERMON  *“Seeing the Words”* Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN  *“Once in Royal David’s City”* *No. 49*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“Carol of the Angels”* Chancel Choir

 \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,*

*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

 Words of Institution

 Welcome

 Distribution

*\*[Worshipers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together*

*as Christ’s one people. Please drink as you are ready,*

*in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

**O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.**

**That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

\*POSTLUDE  *“Toccata on ‘Adeste Fideles’”* – Hegarty

 ***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

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\*Praise & Worship

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Joyful (The One Who Saves)*

*Waiting Here For You*

*Healer*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: David Griffith

Scripture Reading:

*Matthew 24:36-44; Isaiah 2:1-5*

Sermon  *“Seeing the Words”*

Communion

\*Closing Song

*In Christ Alone*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes:

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