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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30am / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00am

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall / SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00

Sunday, November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

8:30am

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

"Pastoral on 'Forest Green'" – Purvis

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: (8:30) Harrison Family; (11:00) Marsh 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, and ransom captive Israel,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

No. 2

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of the future, You are coming in power to bring all nations under Your rule. We confess that we have not expected Your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring Your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse Your justice and peace. In Your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome Your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. We pray this through Jesus our Lord, 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

"Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Terri Reiner

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:11-14 (OT p78)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:8-15 (NT p152)

SERMON

ROMANS: FAITH FOR DUMMIES

Rev. Robert Bronkema

"Prayer I: Finding the Place and the Time"

*HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Joyfully Sing, Welcome the King!" – Davenport/Larson

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.*

*HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

No. 8

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude on 'Truro'" – Bingham

NEXT WEEK

Jonah 3:6-10

Romans 1:8-15

"Prayer II: Pray For What You Need"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship
King of Heaven
One True God
Our God

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Terri Reiner

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Sermon *"Prayer I: Finding the Place and the Time"*

*Offering/Closing Song
God With Us

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
