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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00am

Sunday, December 1, 2019

First Sunday in 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 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* – Martin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Colvin 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 *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* No. 5

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and loving God, together we thank You and praise You for waiting for us to turn and find the path toward You. Together we confess that having to turn around and wait for anything is difficult for us. Together we pray to be forgiven for not fully understanding the value in waiting for You to come. Open our hearts and our minds to the joy of waiting to be graced with new life. Keeping watch together through Advent, we pray in the name of our Emmanuel. 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 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ali Elias-Lizardo
(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

ANTHEM *"Could This Be the Day"* – Martin Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 2:1-5 (NT p631)*

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

SERMON **A SEASON IN THE LECTIONARY** Rev. Robert Bronkema
"Not the Kind of Second Coming That You Would Expect"

*HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* No. 9

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Saviour of the Nations, Come"* – Bach

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God 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

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* - Rutter

**[Worshippers: 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

*POSTLUDE

"Wake, Awake, For Night is Fleeing" – Walther

11:00 Service

Greeting & Announcements

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*Praise & Worship

*Open Up the Heavens
The Lion and the Lamb
God With Us*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Ali Elias-Lizardo

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First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: **A SEASON IN THE LECTIONARY** *"Not the Kind of Second Coming That You Would Expect"*

Communion

*Offering/Closing Song

Great Are You, Lord

*Benediction