

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**December 1, 2024**

(\* Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude

*“See, Amid The Winter’s Snow”*  
By David Rasbach  
Pianist: Bob Gardner

*See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.  
Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Dr. David H. Yu

**Advent Candle Lighting**

Procession: Advent Acclamation (*Please see insert*)

*Look to the light, prepare the way. Turn from night, embrace the day.  
Let all creation praise with singing; Set ev'ry bell in heaven ringing.  
Raise ev'ry candle, shine the news; Christ, the Light, is coming soon!  
Prepare the way!*

Hope Candle Reading: Joan Trojan

Today we bring the Candle of Hope  
Let us read together the scripture from Romans 15:12-13

**And again, Isaiah says,  
“The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
in him the Gentiles will hope.”  
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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**United by Hope, we say “Come, Emmanuel.”**

\*Opening Hymn # 100

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*

*O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

{Refrain}

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

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. {Refrain}*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
and drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light! {Refrain}*

*O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
{Refrain}*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace.  
{Refrain}*

\*Invocation

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\*Call To Worship

*Leader: The days are coming. Your salvation is nearing.*  
*ALL: Teach us Your paths as we wait on Your coming promise.*  
*Leader: The heavens are speaking. Your kingdom is arriving.*  
*ALL: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on Your coming promise.*  
*Leader: The world is turning. New life is appearing.*  
*ALL: Keep us alert as we wait on Your coming promise.*  
*Leader: We worship You with waiting hearts this day.*  
*ALL: Fill us with hope in this season, we pray. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn # 102

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king.  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

*"O Thou That Tellest  
Good Tidings To Zion"*  
By G. F. Handel  
Soloist: Rhonda Holland

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,  
get thee up into the high mountain;  
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,  
lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid;  
say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!  
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,  
arise, shine; for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

\*Doxology

Hymn #572

*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.*

\*Dedication of Offerings

Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 9:2-7; John 8:12*

Sermon

*“Jesus, The Light Of The World”  
Rev. Dr. David H. Yu*

Hymn # 183

*“Christ Is Coming”  
(vss. 1 - 3)*

*Christ is coming! Let creation from her groans and travail cease;  
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come, Thou blessed Prince of Peace.*

*Earth can now but tell the story of Thy bitter cross and pain;  
She shall yet behold Thy glory, when Thou comest back to reign:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Let each heart repeat the strain.*

*Long Thine exiles have been pining, far from rest, and home, and Thee;  
But in heav'nly vestures shining, they their loving Lord shall see.  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Haste the joyous jubilee.*

Fellowship Offering

Communion

Rev. Dr. David H. Yu

*The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper  
Communion Invitation  
Communion Prayer  
The Words of Institution  
Sharing the Bread  
Sharing the Cup*

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

\*Closing Hymn # 183

*"Christ Is Coming"  
(vs. 4)*

*With that blessed hope before us, let no harp remain unstrung;  
Let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!*

\*Benediction

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*~ Please remain seated for the postlude ~*

Postlude

*"Christ Is Coming"  
By Edward Broughton  
Organist: Bob Gardner*