

**First Sunday in Advent**

*Welcome to worship. For all our health, please wear your masks.*

**CENTERING MUSIC *Chorale-prelude, Wake, awake, Op. 68, no. 5***

*Flor Peeters*

*Prayerfully prepare yourselves to enter the presence of God for worship.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please pass the Ministry of Friendship Pads and register your being part of our worshipping community today. Note who is sitting in the pew with you and greet them by name at the conclusion of this service.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN 347 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

*PICARDY*

**\*APPROACHING GOD IN PRAYER**

**Sometimes we come into your presence with our souls filled with joyful song. Sometimes we come with shouts of praise and thanksgiving on our lips. Sometimes our brains are confused and scattered, leaving us yearning for a word from you to guide our way. Sometimes our hearts are heavy, and all we can muster are the groanings of our spirits. Let your Spirit descend upon us in this hour of worship – silently comforting, strengthening, and kindling the light of hope. Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

**All: you are welcome here!**

We invite you to greet one another with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

**FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES/LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

We invite children to the chancel steps for a time with Pastor Elizabeth; following which she will lead them to Faith Formation.

**SPECIAL MUSIC *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

*Roland Pritchard & William Dix,  
arranged by Mark Hayes*

**A READING FROM SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 33:14-16***

**A CONTEMPORARY WORD *On the Edge***

*Dr. Ulery*

**\*HYMN 357 *The Days Are Surely Coming***

*LLANDLOFFAN*

**COMING TO GOD IN PRAYER**

One: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR**

**All: 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, for ever. Amen**

**OUR GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***Of the Father's Love Begotten***

*arr. Mark Hayes*

**\*HYMN 88**

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

*(Versus 1, 2, 6)*

*VENI EMMANUEL*

**\*BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING**

**MUSIC SENDING US OUT TO SERVE**

***Toccata on "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"***

*Andrew Carter*

***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

***The Days Are Surely Coming***

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***