

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

O Come, All Ye Faithful/ arr. K. Varner

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Tom Nicholas

WE APPROACH GOD

IN SONG

Choral Introit

O Come, O Come Emmanuel/ arr. D. Weaver

IN WORD

Isaiah 52: 7, 9-10 (NIV)

Leader: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,

People: **Who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”**

Leader: Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

People: **The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope

Landon & Janel Horst

ANTHEM OF RESPONSE

We Wait/ R. Schram

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: *The angel said to Joseph,*

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”
Matthew 1:21-23 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/ arr. P. Perkins
Lori Weaver, Viola; Doug Weaver, Piano

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-34 (ESV)

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

SERMON

God Strengthens God’s People
Kevin Sheahan

WE COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please Note: An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN 197 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

The Little Son of God/ 14th Century Carol