

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Schilbe Family

Introit

*Call to Worship:

ONE: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

ALL: We trust the Lord’s goodness. We rely on God’s mercy. We find shelter in God’s steadfast love.

ONE: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

ALL: We walk in the Lord’s way. We follow God’s example of love. We keep our covenant promises.

ONE: In this Advent season of waiting,

ALL: Lord, forgive and forget our sins. Remember your love. Remember each one of us. Remember your people everywhere.

ONE: In this Advent season of waiting,

ALL: Lord, we wait for your salvation. We wait for your leading. We wait for your coming.

*Hymn of Praise

New Century Hymnal # 86

“When Morning Gilds The Skies”

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison Reading)

Heavenly Father, as we anticipate Jesus’ birth with great excitement, may we also find peace in the knowledge of Christ’s salvation, who was the shepherd of his people Israel. Lord, shine in our hearts and lives, lead us in our way, and guide us in our walk. In this Advent season, we stand on tiptoe, awaiting your coming. Immanuel, invade our lives. In the name of Christ, whose birth we remember, whose coming we await and whose peace we need. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 24:7-10

Gospel Lesson

John 1:9-13

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*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.

*Offertory Prayer

Sermon

Rev. William Kren

“The Advent Season – How Do YOU React?”

Hymn of Preparation

New Century Hymnal # 51

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

Service of Communion

Uniting in Covenant

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

*Hymn of Going Forth

New Century Hymnal # 117

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us;

His name is called Emmanuel.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.