



*Sunday Worship  
December 1, 2019  
10:30 a.m.*

*Our Mission:  
Growing in Spirit  
Living as Disciples  
Serving God's World*

*First Sunday in  
Advent*



**Preparation for Worship**

*Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our Advent preparations for Christmas.  
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
To you we say,  
'Come Lord Jesus!'  
Amen.*

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

Prelude

*Joy of Every Longing Heart*  
Rob Passow, Organist

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**We Gather in God's Name**

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the friendship register.*

## † Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

## Song of Praise

*Alleluia He is Coming*

Praise Band

## Call to Worship

One Voice: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Many Voices: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

One Voice: Let us unite our hearts and voices as we worship God.

## † Hymn #88

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

## † Prayer of Confession

Loving God, our eyes tire of looking for the promise of the prophets, and we settle into ordinary, everyday patterns of life. Our ears grow tired as we seek to hear and heed your call, and we seldom listen as we should. Our hands grow tired from the labors of your kingdom, our hearts grow tired from loving ourselves and our neighbors, our discipleship falters. Come to us in this season of anticipation and hope. Speak to us your words of forgiveness and challenge. Restore and rekindle us and strengthen us for fuller faith and service. We make our prayer in Christ's name. Amen.

## † Response #103

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace (verses 1 and 4)*

## † Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

## Anthem

*No Wind at the Window*  
Men's Chorus

Bell/Trad. Irish

## Children's Message: The Lighting of Advent's First Candle

Response: *He came down that we may have light; He came down that we may have light; He came down that we may have light: Hallelujah, forevermore.*

*He came down that we may have hope; He came down that we may have hope; He came down that we may have hope: Hallelujah, forevermore.*

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

† Hymn #82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Sermon

*Fresh Hope*

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Rob Passow, Piano

David Nevue

† Response

*Veni Emmanuel*

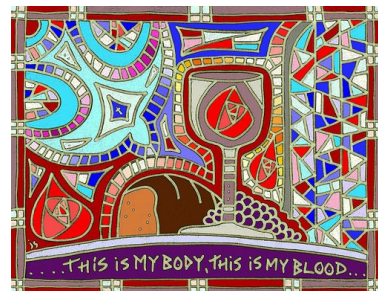
† Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer



### **We Depart To Serve God**

† Parting Hymn #92

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Hyfrydol*  
Rob Passow, Organist

Charles Callahan

*The Flowers in the Sanctuary were given by the Flower Guild to the Glory of God  
Your greeter this morning was Cramer Gilmore.*

***IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY*** - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire.

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP*** - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag; for infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

***CHILDREN'S WORSHIP*** - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the lighting of the Advent wreath. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH*** - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. Please check the bulletin boards in the main level hallway to see the Youth schedule.

***PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!***

# Joys & Concerns

**Members:** Linda McGraw, Randy Smidt

**Missionaries:** Pastor Selvin (Honduras) and Doug Dicks (Jerusalem)

**HOI Scholars:** Heydi, Saira, Mario, Rosy, Mario, Odin, Lissiel, and Ronal

**Spouses:** Steve Hagy (Pat)

**Parents:** Veronica Crump, Penny Newsome (Ann and Dick), Scott Seifried (David),  
Jane Wallentiny (Helen), Valerie Wenderoth (Robert)

**Sons and Daughters:** Bob and Valerie Patrick (Molly)

**Granddaughters:** Barbara Crowell (Josie, and parents Bryan and Rea)

**Brothers and Sisters:** Scott Anckner (Andy), Clara Gipson (Anna), Mary Helmantoler  
(Lee), Penny Newsome (Susan), Peter Smith (George)

**Brothers- and Sisters-in-Law:** Donna Baetsen (John), Kathy Giese (Fred), Kim Gretsuk  
(Marge), Claire Manger (Bev, Bruce), Greta Miller (Brian), Cheri Weaver (Forrest)

**Aunts and Uncles:** Pam Evett (Jim)

**Nephews and Nieces:** Claire Manger (Edward and Tom), Janet Little (Hanna)

**Cousins:** Warren Clayton (Brad), Valerie Patrick (Virginia), Hiede Sowdon (Nancy)

**Friends:** Craig and Judy Crooks (Liz, Kathy), JoAnne Holmes (Barbara), Donna Lucas  
(Alex and the Barkers), Rob Passow (Georgia), Eileen Simmermacher (Michelle,  
Jureen, and Pam), Susan and Tim Stryker (Brice), Cheri Weaver (Kate), Dwight  
Yarbrough (Brother Randy)

**Randy Smidt's Mealtrain** - <https://mealtrain.com/n5453q> (Medical Food Restrictions)

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