

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements Pastor Brenda

Introit "Sing Alleluia"

☞ **Call to Worship** Liturgist

One: No one in Bethlehem was prepared for the coming of the Lord.

**ALL: During this Advent season we have the opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.**

One: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem no one recognized him as the Messiah;

**ALL: we gather here to worship Jesus as Lord and Savior. Praise be to God!**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

☞ **Opening Song** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #82

☞ **Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Lord, this is the time of the year when we are tempted to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, and in so doing, lose sight of what it all means. Be with us, we pray, in our Advent journey, and keep us ever mindful of the real reason for the season. Amen.**

☞ **Words of Assurance**

**ALL: The words of the psalmist remind us that the Lord is upright and good. God instructs sinners in the way of righteousness and leads the humble along paths of steadfast love. So wait upon God all the day long, abide in the covenant, and rely on one truth: God is our salvation and worthy of trust.**

☞ **Gloria Patri** "Glory Be to the Father"

☞ *Indicates where those who are able may stand.*

*Hearing devices are available in the narthex for those who need them.*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**ALL: Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Liturgist

One: This is the Word of The Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 Pastor Brenda

One: This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Christ's name be praised.**

Reflection "Another World" Pastor Brenda

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

☞ **Responsive Hymn** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #88

Time of Self Offering

☞ **Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

☞ **Prayer of Dedication**

**ALL: God of Promise, you caused the branch of hope to bud and flower; we offer you the fruit of our labor. May what we do bring reassurance to those seeking evidence of your goodness. Use our gifts as a sign of what deliverance can mean. We join with Christ in the struggles for justice; we commit ourselves to the hope found in him. Amen.**

**Moment for Mission**

**John Pressler**

**Christmas Joy Offering: "The Perfect Gift"**

**Prayers of the People and 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD**

☩ Closing Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" #363

**Congregational Meeting**

☩ Benediction

☩ Response

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

**Postlude**

**Patricia Hart**



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*Vincent van Gogh: Starry Night*

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**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28, 2021**

**10:30am Worship Service**