November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude - Gathering as a Community of Faith Marni Wiggins

Welcome (Announcements)

***Greeting One Another in the Spirit of Love**

***Opening Praise Song** "Emmanuel God With Us" Chris Tomlin

***Prayer**

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

***Call to Worship and Advent Candle Lighting**

L: We gather in the season of waiting, acknowledging the darkness of a world where misfits and outcasts wander. We remember the promise that grace will come.

C: Hope in Christ is not wishful thinking; it is the certainty that God will keep His promises. Our hope is rooted in the Word made flesh—the one who dwelt among us.

L: We light the candle of Hope, for it is Christ alone who conquers despair. The prophet Isaiah declared: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."Oh Emmanuel, God With Us!

C: Our hope is in the Light that is coming. The light that shines in the darkness.

Lighting on First Candle of Advent

***Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 92

Scriptures

Genesis 16:1-15
*Luke 2:8-14

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 112

God Moments
(This is a time to share how Jesus Christ our risen Lord has provided you with a moment of blessing and grace)

Youth Sermon

Praise Song "Here For You" Chris Tomlin

Message "Grace for Misfits" Rev J Mark Hensley

Offertory Prayer (Read in Unison)

Emmanuel, God With Us, thank You for dwelling in our wilderness. Because You gave the ultimate gift—Yourself—we return these gifts to You. Bless these offerings, that they may extend Your grace to the forgotten and bring Your light to the darkness. Amen."

Offertory (The offering plates will be passed while music is played)

***Doxology**

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 89

***Benediction**
***Benediction Song** **"**Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 308

Postlude Marni Wiggins

We exist to reflect the love of Jesus so that others may experience God's love as we grow together in faith, love and service

Hope for the Misfit

The world is dark, its shadows deep, Where broken hearts and misfits sleep. We know the hunger, know the fear, And long for One to draw so near.

The Word came down, not late, but right, To pierce our long and moonless night. In humble flesh, the promise stood: The Light of Hope is understood.

No longer must the weary grope, For Christ became our living hope. He sought the lost, the last, the least, And spreads for them a hopeful feast.

So lift your eyes from sin and strife, He is the Hope, He is the Life. Emmanuel, our certain gain, He came to dwell, and He will reign.

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