

Welcome to Rectortown United Methodist Church

*No matter where you have been or where you have failed to be –
what you have said or what you have failed to say - what you have
done or what you have failed to do - whom you have loved or whom
you have failed to love - you are welcome here.*

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE - let us quiet our minds, hearts, and spirits as we begin to focus on the presence of God as we become aware of the *Light of Christ* in our midst.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and CELEBRATIONS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

“Advent Song, stanza 2” TFWS 2090

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020, pp. 264-265)

Wilderness, exile, tribulation, rejoicing: Your way runs through all of these, O God. May we prepare this way anew.

L: Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear.

P: Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading: This is how God will come.

L: The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

P: Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God’s new day.

L: Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

P: Even as we wait, let us make a way for God: In our hearts and in our world.

L: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER (adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020, p.265)

Most loving and gracious God – we are confident you are coming, bringing a world where all will be made right. Calm our anxiety, strengthen our patience, and keep our hope aflame, as we work

towards, and not wait for, your new day. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN O Come, O Come Emmanuel

UMH 211

YOUNG DISCIPLES’ MESSAGE

In the shepherd’s arms...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 1, p. 8)

Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace, so that the good news of this age may be proclaimed through your word, which stands for ever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

85:1-2, 8-13

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-8

* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

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.

MESSAGE Waiting and preparing in peace...

HYMN Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

UMH 626

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

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 trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass 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.

HYMN Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196

SENDING FORTH

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One Holy Night in Bethlehem

TFWS 2097 refrain

*This worship service has ended, and now your service begins.
As you leave church today, you are entering the mission field.*

Questions for Reflection

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 1, p. 10)

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, what is the beginning of God's good news in your life, and how will it change the way you approach this season of expectation and hope?

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