

December 10, 2023 Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader: Your light shines in the deep darkness that surrounds us, and we are filled with joy at its brilliance.

People: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless Praise...(Isaiah 9:2-7s, NRSV)

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OPENING HYMN **COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS** **UMH 196**

OPENING PRAYER

**You uphold your kingdom with justice and righteousness, bringing peace
To all who receive the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, and Prince of Peace. Give us your joy today as we worship you
With zeal. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Melanie Stranix

**THIS, THIS IS WHERE CHILDREN BELONG,
WELCOMED AS PART OF THE WORSHIPPING THROUG
WATER, GOD'S WORD, BREAD AND CUP, PRAYER AND SONG,
THIS IS WHERE CHILDREN BELONG.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG **EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL, HIS NAME IS CALLED EMMANUEL
GOD WITH US, REVEALED IN US, HIS NAME IS CALLED EMMANUEL**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER, SUNG

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME, THEY 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

SCRIPTURE LESSON ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; You have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them, the bar on their shoulders, and the robe of their oppressor. Because every boot of the thundering warriors, and every garment rolled in blood will be burned, fuel for the fire. A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless praise for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever. The zeal of the Lord of heavenly forces will do this.

HYMN OF PREPARATION O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL UMH 211

MESSAGE

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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.**

CLOSING HYMN HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED UMH 203

BENEDICTION

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**O HOLY CHILD OF BETHLEHEM, DESCEND TO US WE PRAY.
CAST OUT OUR SIN AND ENTER IN, BE BORN IN US TODAY.
WE HEAR THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS, THE GREAT GLAD TIDINGS TELL.
O COME TO US, ABIDE WITH US, OUR LORD EMMANUEL.**