

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday of Advent

Is there anything more healing
than an open door?
If you're seeking sanctuary,
if the waters are rising –
listen.
It may be hard to hear,
but God is always saying,
“Come on home.” ~ Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

The Chiming of the Hour

The Welcome to Worship Laura Edgar

HOPE Is Our Home

* Advent Carol 82 *Light the Light, the Fire of Life* IL EST NÉ

**Light the light, the fire of life,
let the candle reveal God's glory
Jesus Christ has come to earth
and for us shall come again.**

**Light the candle of His hope,
light the light of prophet's story,
Light the candle of His hope,
light the light we all must hold.**

The Children's Period Tripp Martin

* The Litany of Hope Laura Edgar

Leader: We long for the home we find in God.

People: God brings hope to this world!

Leader: We hope for a world with more bridges than barriers.

People: We hope for a world with generous hospitality.

Leader: We hope for a world with laughter and joy.

**People: We hope for a world where trees grow tall and creeks
are clean.**

Leader: We hope for a world where all people have a home that is
safe.

People: We are close to home, as we wait for God's hope!

* Carol 99 *View the Present Through the Promise* AR HYD Y NOS

* The Invocation Morris Driggers

The Scripture Reading *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13* Morris Driggers

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Instrumental Interlude

PEACE Is Our Home

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World Tripp Martin

The Preparation for Prayer 120 *Emmanuel* M^CGEE

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.**

The Ministry of Silence

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Tripp Martin

**Our Father, which 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.**

JOY Is Our Home

* Carol 79 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

The Scripture Reading *Luke 21:25-36* Laura Edgar

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Worship *What Shall We Sing for the Child?* arr. Helvey
Sanctuary Choir

What shall we sing for the Child in the stable?

What shall we sing for the Infant so fair?

Singing, we offer our humble devotion;

Gently a song will make sweeter the air.

We shall sing freely the song of the Virgin;

Joining with Mary our voices are one.

All generations will count her as blessed,

All generations delight in her Son.

Softly we sing for the Child ... Softly we sing for the beautiful Son.

The Sermon Tripp Martin

Longing

LOVE Is Our Home

* Hymn of Commitment 83 HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

This hymn affords all of us a chance to consider our response to
today's worship. The minister will welcome you at the front of the
sanctuary if you would like to make a public commitment today.

The Receiving of New Members

* The Offertory Prayer Laura Edgar

The Offertory *Wachet Auf (Sleepers, Wake)* arr. J. Walther
Barbara Acker-Mills, organist

The Introduction of New Members

* The Spoken Benediction Tripp Martin

* The Sung Benediction 82 *Light the Light, the Fire of Life* IL EST NÉ

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* standing as able # ushers will seat worshippers

In order to preserve an atmosphere of worship, we
respectfully ask that all electronic devices be silenced.

Children's worship activity kits are available for children in grades K-3 at
each entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one for your child
as you enter, then please return it as you exit the sanctuary. Children in
kindergarten/first grade will return to their class after the Lord's Prayer. If
this is your child's first time to participate with this group, please
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