

A special **thank you** to all participants
in today's service.

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Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Glabb Family

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9:00am - 1:00pm**



Please join us for
coffee fellowship
after the worship service.
Our gathering will be in the



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

*Emmanuel United Church shall be a
caring, welcoming faith community,
nurturing spiritual life and sharing God's love
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.*

December 2, 2018 10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

**If you are new to Emmanuel,
we hope that you feel welcome.**

Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni Beharry and sign the Guest Book before you leave.

**We hope that your faith has been enriched through
the worship today and that you may come again!**

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WE GATHER
SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
BE NOT AFRAID: CLAIMING HOPE

Welcome

Advent Hymn Sing

Announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement:

‘We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, the land they share with us as a result of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. May we live in peace and friendship as a treaty people.’

Greeting:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Glabb Family

Reader One:

The time is coming, and now is, when God’s promises will be fulfilled. Rejoice, the time is here...even if it is not yet fully realized. Into this time, we come-ready to listen, with open hearts, claiming hope. The time is coming and now is when we will be part of God’s promise fulfilled.

A candle burning brightly reminds us that hope perseveres. At times, a tiny flame flickering, yet holding promise to illuminate the world.

Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2018

Light a candle.

Music during the lighting of the Advent Candles:

Hymn: “A Candle Is Burning” VU#6 vs.1

By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

We name the following persons and situations on this day as we commit ourselves to the work of your salvation...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
All honour and glory are yours, Almighty God,
Now and forever.

Amen

Fraction:

Distribution of the Elements by Intinction

(receive bread or wafer down the centre aisle, consume elements at station at the side)

“ Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life”

“ The cup of the new covenant, poured out for all”

Post communion Prayer:

Now to the One who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God’s power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST’S LOVE

Hymn: “May the God of Hope” VU#424

Benediction

Choral Benediction:

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

He healed the sick, fed and hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from the slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us
always
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took
bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples,
and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to
you,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is the blood of the new
covenant,

pour out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering
for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ is died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them before us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ,

Redeemed by his blood.

Reader Two:

The empty stall and manger filled with hay,
reminds us that hope is being born into our world.

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray together...

Who are we, O God,
that you should come to us?

Yet you have visited your people
and redeemed us in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate One.

As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth,
make our hearts hopeful at the sound of your word,
and move us by your spirit to bless your wonderful works.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain,

In Jesus Name we pray, **Amen.**

Adapted from Voices United, Advent Prayer VU#26

Opening Hymn: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” VU#2

Prayer for Grace:

Ever-present God, remind us this day
that you are always with us.

Strengthen us as we worship together,
that we may pay attention to the signs
of your presence around us.

When our feet wander,

guide us back to your path,

When our attention drifts, and we lose our way,
teach us the way we should go.

If we squander the time you have given us,
help us prioritize you and your teachings.

Remember us according to your faithful love.

In your holy name, we pray, **Amen.**

Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2018

Prayer of Assurance:

Holy One, you have promised us

That the day of our salvation is near.

Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer,

So that we may stand with confidence and joy

At the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord, **Amen.**

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness:

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” VU#64 vs. 3

Children’s Time: An angel told them, “Don’t be afraid”
Advent Unwrapped Video One

Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard On High” VU#38 vs. 1

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

One: Herein is Wisdom

All: Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem: “Waiting for a King”

By: J. Paul Williams and Joseph M. Martin

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Sermon “Claiming Hope”

Prayer of Ascription

Hymn: “Wait for the Lord” VU#22

sung prayerfully at least 3 times

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Offering

Offertory:

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

if I were a wiseman,
I would do my part,
yet, what can I give him
Give my heart.

“In the Bleak Midwinter” VU#55 vs.4

Communion Hymn: “All Who Hunger” VU#460

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made a covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.