

## SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Wolaver  
Beverly Chelgren, piano Plainsong

\*Call to Worship Rev. Bonnie Brown

One: Your presence is revealed in the light of hope, O God. The light of hope shines brightly.

**All: Joyfully we worship, for your graceful gift of Jesus is at hand.**

One: The light of hope overcomes the darkness.

**All: Joyfully we know that the powerful ones, and the terror-bringers, will not have their own way.**

One: The light of hope reveals the needs of home and community.

**All: Joyfully we will work to support the downhearted, and to show friendship to the lonely.**

One: Your presence is revealed in the light of hope, O God.

**All: The light of hope will go before us on our Advent journey.**

\*Hymn *People, Look East (vs. 1, 4)* 142  
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") Rev. Brown

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Candle of Hope Rev. Brown

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music *Jesus, the Light of the World* Elderkin  
Mike Tichenor, soloist

Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Restless Waiting* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn *Comfort, Comfort You My People (vs. 1, 3)* 122

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

\*Dedication Prayer

## RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation. You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution Rev. Brown

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Brown

\*Communion Music *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* M. Praetorius; arr. Hayes

## GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Cathy & Jim Midkiff to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carter Tate Divine.*

Isaiah 64:1-9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup> Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

### ADVENT OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR:** Supporting the FCC Food Pantries with a donation made payable to FCC with “Reverse Advent” in the memo will help put food on the table for needy families.

**PECAN FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH PEACE MISSION:** 16 oz. bags of pecans are available in the office for your holiday baking. \$11 per bag.

**CHRISTMAS WISH PROJECT:** This year, instead of shopping for a particular child, we ask for a donation payable to FCC with “Christmas Wish” in the memo in the amount that you would normally spend on a child’s gift. The Church will distribute your donation to a Family Resource Center in the county and city schools. They will know best how to serve each child and family.

**Advent 1 - November 29 at 9 AM** – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling.

**December 2 at 11:30 AM** – Property Team meeting in the Sanctuary

**December 3 at 2:30 PM** – Food Pantry

**Advent 2 - December 6 at 9 AM** – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling.

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empowering all to compassionate service.”***

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