



**Morning Worship
9:30 AM
December 14, 2025
Advent 3**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

✠ PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

"I am
A hole in a flute
That the Christ's breath moves through—
Listen to this
Music."
-Hafiz

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us rejoice this day in the God who is near in everyone around us.

People: We will sing glad songs of the One who is rebuilding neighborhoods in our midst.

Leader: Come, let us rejoice always in Jesus who baptizes us with hope and compassion.

People: We will join in choruses of praise of the One who brings justice to the forgotten in our midst.

Leader: Come, let us rejoice again and again in the Spirit who offers us new life in every moment.

People: We will sing full throttle of the One who fills us with gifts to share with everyone in our midst.

✠HYMN

101 No Wind at the Window

1 No wind at the win - dow, no knock on the door;
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.
 3 "This child must be born that the king - dom might come:
 4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;

no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.

no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,

just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.
 and you are re - quest - ed to moth - er God's Son."
 both vic - tor and vic - tim, both yours and di - vine."
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell God I say, Yes."

✦CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: God's promise to us is eternal. God wishes to bless us with hope, with joy, with life. But our desires lead us to reject God and these blessings. Let us confess how we too often choose the path of tears, rather than the joy which can lead us to God's heart.

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Lord of all creation, we confess to you that we have not opened our hearts to the great things which you have done before our very eyes. We have been too cynical to believe that you are at work in our lives. Our “grown up” minds have blocked out the wonder of this season and prevented us from seeing the miracles in our midst. Yet, you do not turn away from us, but will come into our lives in the most unexpected of ways—as a little child. Help us to be filled with wonder once again. Help us to prepare the way in our hearts for you, O God.

✦ TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, I bear good news of great joy! Christ our Savior is coming! Our God has done great things within our midst to show unending grace and mercy for every one of us.

People: Enriched in every grace, blessed with joy and hope, transformed by love, we will live in peace as people of Advent. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✦ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO #113 (2x's)

Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days and walk with us until the day of your coming.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING (CEB)

Luke 1:39-45

Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

People: Thanks be to God!

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Vanna Ortiz

(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children's Chapel)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE JOY

*Light the Advent candle three: think of heavenly harmony;
Angels sing of joy and mirth at the blessed savior's birth.
Candle, Candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, Candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light*

MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"Shepherd's Pipe Carol"</i> <i>Covenant Choir</i>	John Rutter
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"</i> <i>Covenant Choir</i>	John Rutter
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"I Wonder As I Wander"</i> <i>Covenant Choir</i>	John Rutter
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"The Angel's Carol"</i> <i>Covenant Choir</i>	John Rutter
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"Somerset Wassail"</i> <i>Covenant Choir</i>	John Rutter
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"Jesus Child"</i> <i>Covenant Choir</i>	John Rutter
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>"Joy to the World"</i> <i>Covenant Choir</i>	John Rutter

RECOGNIZING CHURCH LEADERS

JOYS AND CONCERNS** *(A Silence)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Ludeke

THE LORD'S PRAYER (American Standard Version)

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 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.

OFFERING

♣ SONG OF THANKSGIVING #91

Come, Come, Emmanuel.

Come, Emanuel

Come, Come, Emmanuel.

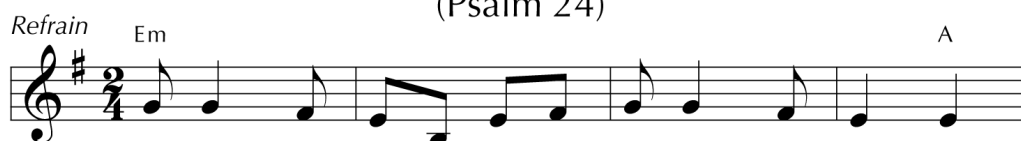
Come, Emanuel

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♣ HYMN

364 Lift Up the Gates Eternal

(Psalm 24)



Lift up the gates e - ter - nal; lift up your voic - es;



the King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



- 1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
- 2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
- 3 Come, lift your voic - es high; be lift - ed to glo - ry;
- 4 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?
- 5 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;
- 6 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?



God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing. (R)
the Lord our God ap - proach - es; come, shout the sto - ry.
We wait the might - y Lord, our God cel - e - brat - ing. (R)
the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.
Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the vic - tory is bring - ing. (R)

♣ BENEDICTION

John Rutter

Prayer of Saint Patrick
Adult Choir

✠POSTLUDE

✠THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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