

**The Order of Worship**  
*Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer  
upon entering the Sanctuary*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

\*PRELUDE "Come, O Savior of the World" ... Glenn Medlock

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Choir and Congregation  
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel."

\*GREETING

Rejoice with those who say, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
**Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.**  
Praise the name of the LORD  
**"May those who love you, O' LORD, be secure.**  
**For the sake of our friends and of all the people,**  
**We say, "Peace be within you."1**

\*INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us pray . . .

\*HYMN No. 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Hymnal No. 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

\*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Response: **Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,  
who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.  
Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "The Peace of Christ" ... Peter Burkhardt

\*THE DOXOLOGY Hymnal 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:11-14

THE ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

\*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 24:26-44

SERMON "Life After Christ"

\*HYMN NO. 732 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

\*Benediction "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Choir and Congregation

"God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again."

\*POSTLUDE "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" ... English Carol

**HONORARIUMS**

*In Honor of Stella Jordan Feaster  
given by  
Janis Feaster  
Claude and Rhett Dalton*

*In Honor of Carol Head, Katie Head  
and Allison Miller  
given by  
The Fidelis Class*

\*All who are able are invited to stand

1Adapted from: *The Holy Bible: Today's New International Version.* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005), Ps 122:1-9.