

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT *Veni Emmanuel* Zion Bell Choir

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lift up your heads, O gates!

P: And be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

L: See! The ruler of earth shall come,

P: the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile.

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH #196

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 61:1-2, 6-7

¹ The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ⁶ but you shall be called priests of the LORD, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. ⁷ Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

CHILDREN'S TIME Celebrate Wonder

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-6

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him

homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Zion Bell Choir

SERMON SERIES INTRODUCTION *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

SERMON *"Most Wonderful Time of the Year?"* Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH #211

† BENEDICTION

† *Stand as you are able*



*First Sunday
of Advent*



**Yorktown
Chorale**
Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 5, at 7:00 pm

We will end the evening with a tree lighting and
caroling outside by our new lighted tree.

Lectionary for December 2021

Dec. 5

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Dec. 19

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45



Dec. 12

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Dec. 26

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

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