

## WORSHIP OUTLINE

December 14, 2025

### WE ARE GATHERED

SONG- **EMMANUEL**

Worship Song – **LO HE COMES**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*pastor front center*)

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WL: Last Announcement: Let us stand, turn to our neighbor and say hello.

WL: Please join me in prayer ... **<PAUSE>**

WL: Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** God is forgiving and gracious.

Join with me in your hearts for this time of confession.

**ALL:** We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone, and we grow fearful. We cling to false comforts, and we turn away from our neighbors. We plead: come to us, bring your mercy to birth in us.

**P:** Friends, God's spirit embraces us with forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

### **AWL Song – CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

*During the Litany, the family lights **THREE** candle/s on the Advent wreath.*

**WL:** We light the third candle of Love.

**ALL:** We remember the God who keeps promises. In the darkness of doubt and fear, God speaks words of comfort.

**WL:** By Love, we trust God's promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** O God of promise, kindle our faith that we may live as your people now and always. Amen.

### **AWL reprise – CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

*P: The congregation may be seated.*

**WE ARE TRANSFORMED**

**Children's Message**

Pastor Katie Lowe Lancaster with Tanya and Greta Malloy  
**Spark Bible Pages 212-213**  
**Sing – Away in the Manger — Verse 1**  
**Bible pages on the screen; no lyrics**

**SPARK Bible and read 214-217**  
**Sing – Silent Night Verse 1 only – probably 2 times**  
**No words to the hymn on the screen**  
**Bible Pages on the screens**

**SPARK Bible and read page 218**  
**Sing – Go Tell It on the Mountain**  
**Greta will teach the actions**  
**THE KIDS ONLY KNOW THE CHORUS!**

**The Band can sing the song the way they know it and the kids will  
stand and do the actions to the CHORUS**

**Depending upon TIME – Pr. Steve may step in and follow up with his  
message on Love**

**Sermon Response: EVERMORE**

*After each petition, please respond with:*

**P: God of love,  
ALL: receive our prayer**

## **Offering**

**WL:** You may be seated.

- We take a moment to offer our thanks to God.
- I invite you to use the gratitude card in your bulletin.
- Place it in the offering plate your gratitude card along with any offering. You can also make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

**Offering Song- O COME LET US ADORE HIM**

## **Communion**

**P:** WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again,  
after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**P: Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

**P:** You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward.  
There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set  
and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Distribution – NOEL**

**Post communion prayer:**

P: Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**All: Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT**

**Sending & Blessing**

WL:

**ALL: AMEN.**

**Sending Song – GOD IS WITH US**

**Dismissal**

WL: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**PLAN B If it's -10° and only 20 Adults are here:**

**11a INTRODUCTION:**

P: This week, we celebrate the astonishing love of God made flesh in Jesus.

Advent waiting is not idle, but lives out the love made known in Christ.

God's love is a call to love our neighbor with courage and grace.

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 11.

**The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 NRSVue**

P: <sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

"What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

<sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' <sup>11</sup>"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon ... Pr. Steve Knudson**

**Sermon Response: EVERMORE**

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