

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord loves the righteous, watches over the strangers, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

P: We have much to learn from the teacher about how to love and cherish.

L: God’s presence refreshes the light of love inside of us.

P: With quiet expectation, we come to worship the God who is, was, and is soon to come again.

*HYMN— 213 (UMH) *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates*

ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY

One: We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us— in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations— or our memories— push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

(Three candles are lit.)

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

* Rise in body or in spirit.

PRAYER RESPONSE—211 (UMH) *O Come O Come Emmanuel Vs. 3*
***O Come, O Come great Lord of might
who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG—2233 (TFWS) *Where Children Belong*
***This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.***

CELEBRATION CHURCH

Four year olds through Second grade children are invited to meet at the Sanctuary rear door to be escorted to Celebration Church. Parents please pick up after worship in Room 126 – through glass double doors, turn right at first hallway, first classroom on the right.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 Pew Bible pg. 649

L: This is the Word of our Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

WITNESS TO THE WORD Longing for Joy Rev. Jen Karsner

HYMN— 87 (UMH) *What Gift Can We Bring*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER REQUEST
Public

Private

Prayer Requested by

Date: December 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

Please complete, tear at perforation
and place in offering plate.

Date: December 15, 2019

Service: 11am

Name

☐ Visitor. *If you would like to receive
more information about the church,
please complete the following:*

Address

Email

Telephone

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory— Sanctuary Choir - *Prophets Song*

*OFFERING RESPONSE – 2065 (TFWS) More Precious than Silver
***Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and
nothing I desire compares with you.***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN—89 (UMH) *Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

NURSERY & CRIBBERY CARE for infants thru 3 years old (8AM - Noon).
The nursery is located in the Family Life Center. Ask ushers for directions.

THE WIGGLE ROOM is also available for families who feel they will be more
comfortable with ‘squirmy’ children. Audio & Visual Feed, a rocker, and some toys and
books are available in this room located in the hallway next to the sanctuary.

ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the Narthex. Yellow bags are for age 5 and below; green/
pink are for ages 6 – 8; and orange bags for age 9 and above. Each bag contains an age
appropriate activity and books to read. Children may pick up a bag as they enter church
and return it to the box after the service.



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