GATHERING MUSIC

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, there are times when we are good at waiting. We can wait for a baby to arrive. We can wait for the mailman to deliver the day's mail. We can even wait for Christmas. But we are not very good at waiting for you. We forget that there are preparations that are to be made before you come. We fail to realize the fullness of life you call us to live while we wait for you. As we gather to worship and to wait, we pray you will instruct us, prepare us, anoint us and inspire us, so that our waiting might be a holy time of preparation, worship, confession and rejoicing. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts. -Elisabeth Elliot (Missionary and Author)

The people of God are not merely to mark time, waiting for God to step in and set right all that is wrong. Rather, they are to model the new heaven and new earth, and by so doing awaken longings for what God will someday bring to pass.

-**Philip Yancey** (American Author)

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

People: Our God, in you we trust.

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord.

People: Teach us your paths.

Leader: Lead us in your truth.

People: Teach us, for you are the God of our salvation. For you, we wait all day long.

PRAISE SONG



THE CONFESSION

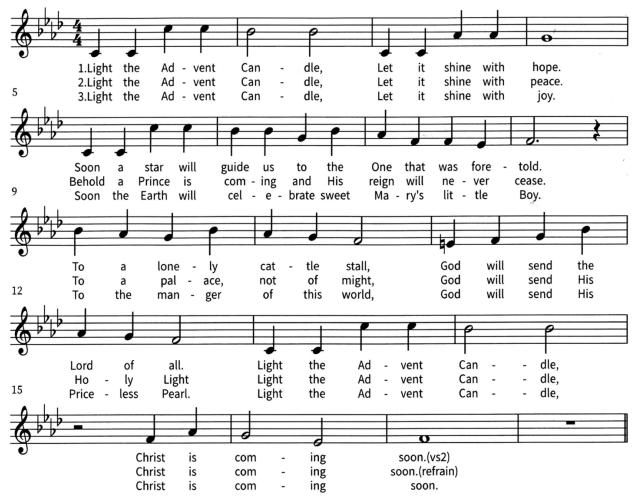
- All: O God, there are times when we are good at waiting. We can wait for a baby to arrive. We can wait for the mailman to deliver the day's mail. We can even wait for Christmas. But we are not very good at waiting for you. We forget that there are preparations that are to be made before you come. We fail to realize the fullness of life you call us to live while we wait for you. As we gather to worship and to wait, we pray you will instruct us, prepare us, anoint us and inspire us, so that our waiting might be a holy time of preparation, worship, confession and rejoicing.
- Pastor: God grants our spiritual requests as we focus on that which God would have us know. We are a forgiven people. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

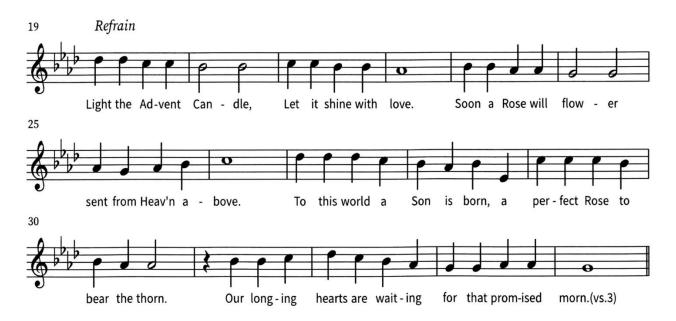
Reader 1: O come, Emmanuel, God-with-us, the One we have hoped for. Reader 2: We are waiting for you, Emmanuel.

All: Yes, come to us, Emmanuel.

Light the first candle.



"An Advent Invitation" vs 1



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE WORD: SPOKEN AND IN MUSIC Waiting- CTP Singers O Come Emmanuel- Rick Gilbertson

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

- Leader 1: Our days are busy and our hearts are full.
- Leader 2: Yet, something is missing.

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

- Leader 1: We put on our "successful, happy" faces out in the world.
- Leader 2: Yet, we are empty and sad.

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

- Leader 1: The world shouts "buy," "push ahead," "get your own."
- Leader 2: Yet, the gospel whispers "share," "there is enough," "your life is already abundant and good."

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

- Leader 1: Some yearning brings us here for love, for comfort, for community
- Leader 2: Yet, only you, O God, can ultimately fill that need.

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leaders 1 & 2: So we speak these words from the final Book of Revelation, in our own language and in the language of much of the early church:

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leaders 1 & 2: And we pray together.

All: Maranatha! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! There is room in our hearts and lives for you — room that only you can fill happiness that only you can bring. Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha! Amen!

Leader: 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."

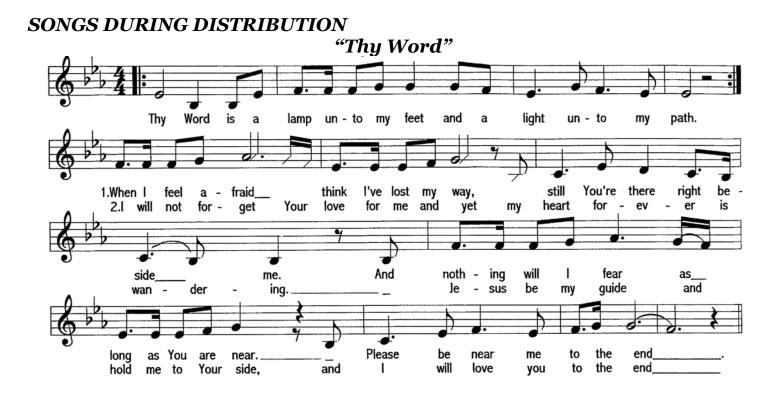
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the bread in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer. We also now have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine in the front pews.







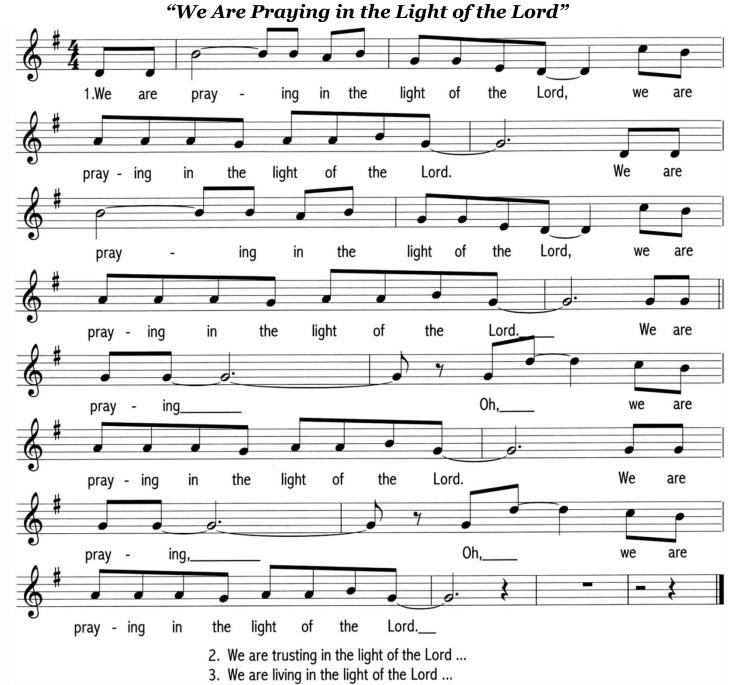
THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: We bless you, O God, because by your word all creation came to be. Hear our praise today and help us to use our voices only for uplifting and caring for others.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG



THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for a coffee hour after the 9:30 worship service.



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