



December 20, 2020

Prerecorded Video

Gathering For God

Prelude

Away in a Manger

Organist

Announcements/Welcome/Greeting

Pastor

Lighting of Advent Candles

Pastor Huff's Family

Opening Prayer In the rush of preparation for holiday celebration, we come to this place to be fed by God. We need the peace, hope, love and joy that this season represents. We need to listen again with wonder at the magnificent words of Mary as she proclaims her faithful participation in God's most miraculous gift. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to receive the words and the blessings, to be fed and then to be those who will share with others as you have shared with us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

Song for Advent

Advent Song
(Light the Advent Candle)

Hymn 2090 4th v Only

WORSHIP: OUR GIFT TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: Light the lamps, prepare the room, God is coming to us!

People: Make our hearts and spirits ready to receive God's most gracious gift, God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Push the darkness away. The light is truly coming!

People: May God's light shine on us, in us and through us that God's glory may be seen. AMEN.

Song of Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn 234 1,2,3 P/O

LISTENING FOR GOD

Pastoral Prayer Give peace to our racing hearts, O Lord. Bring your healing love into our lives. Help us to be those who will bring justice into all of our lives! We have gathered here to sing our praises to you; to celebrate the fast-approaching coming of Your Son; to learn ways of justice and hope for all your people. It is just barely over one week until our families and friends gather for Christmas services and yet during that time there are people who live in hopelessness, for whom there is no one to speak justice. There are those who do not dare raise concerns for fear of retaliation. There are those who have chosen not to believe in you, who can only respond to concrete, visible demonstrations to your presence. They dare not think that in everyday living there are people who truly do care and respond for each other. This is a darkness that is difficult to overcome, but you have called us to this. Empower our hearts and spirits, O Lord, to be strong witnesses of your presence in our lives. Lay your loving hands of healing on all those people who struggle with health issues, who grieve over the loss of loved ones. Dance with those people who have found your love and power in their lives and who are involved in ministries of justice and hope. **AMEN**

Lord's Prayer

Song of Prayer

***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Hymn 218 v1,3,4 P/O**

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 CEB

Sermon

Light of the World

Pastor John Huff

COMMITTING TO GOD

Song of Commitment

***My Soul Gives Glory to My God* Hymn 198 1,2,3, 5 P/O**

Benediction Be strengthened according to the proclamation of Jesus Christ. Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Holy One is with you. Nothing is impossible with God. **AMEN.**

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Organ

Praise Team Music Director & Guitarist Rick Peelle
Organist Carol Meyer Pianist Susie Lewis
Song Leaders Amanda Stainbrook & Donna Winters