



December 6, 2020

Prerecorded Video

Gathering For God

Prelude	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	Organist
Announcements/Welcome/Greeting		Pastor
Lighting of Advent Candles		Steve & Debbie Cox
Opening Prayer		

As the voice cried out in the wilderness, God, you enter our lives and call to us to be open to hearing the cries of people who feel lost and alienated, who feel that no one cares or ever will care about them. We have been given that opportunity to reach out through the ministries and mission of our church bringing hope and peace to all. Get us ready to become pathways of peace and life-transforming love in your name. It is in the spirit of Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

Song for Advent	<i>Emmanuel Emmanuel</i>	Hymn 204 G
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WORSHIP: OUR GIFT TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: Long ago, a voice cried out in the wilderness

People: Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight the pathways.

Leader: Something new was about to happen.

People: God would visit God's people in a new way!

Leader: Lord, open our hearts to receive this good news!

People: Prepare us to be people of great faith and compassion as we look forward to this wondrous event you have proclaimed to us. AMEN

Song of Worship

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Hymn 211 P/O

LISTENING FOR GOD

Pastoral Prayer

How things will change on the day of the coming of the Lord! Every valley will be lifted up and all the mountains will be made into a plain. Equality will exist for all God's people. O God, we long for that day of hope and peace. We strain our ears to hear the voice of one crying in the wilderness of our lives; the wilderness of despair and discouragement; the wilderness of anger and fear; the wilderness of alienation and selfishness. The voice cries to us to make ready the pathway for our God, to remove the obstacles which we have placed there; to respond with acts of compassion rather than react in violent ways. Lord, attune our ears to hear the voices of those who cry out in their need. Open our hearts to respond in caring ways. Forgive our failings and help us to try again and again to be the kind of faith-filled people you would have us be. As we cry to you, offering the names of loved ones who are sick, who mourn, who are lost, who live in anguish and in anger, keep us mindful of the ways in which we can be of help. Likewise, as we rejoice with all those who are happy, who dance with delight at the wondrous gifts you have given, remind us that joy and peace is what we all seek and what we can accomplish. In the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, we offer this prayer. **AMEN**

Lord's Prayer

Song of Prayer

Lord I Need You

K/G

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8 CEB

Sermon

Help is On The Way

Pastor John Huff

Communion at 11 a.m. Drive Thru (Pastor John will be outside)

COMMITTING TO GOD

Song of Commitment *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* FWS 2089 K/G

Benediction

God is bringing light to our darkness. We are called to go into the world, confident in God's loving presence, to serve others in need. Go, bringing hope and peace to this darkened world. Go in God's love. AMEN.

Postlude

Away In a Manger

Organ

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