

Hope

December 3, 2023

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First Sunday of Advent

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Lost in the Night (Arr. L. Maynard)

Barry Stees, bassoon
Marcia Snavelly, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Introit

This Is My Word (Pepper Choplin)

Federated Choir
Marcia Snavelly, piano

*** Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

One: A tiny jewel of light dances on the edge of the horizon:

A solitary star before sunrise

glimmers a promise of dawn

at the end of the world's blight.

All: It is the light of the World,

"Emmanuel." God with us,

the promised One.

Come to us, Emmanuel!

We have seen your light

and gather here awaiting

the day of your coming.

*** Passing of Christ's Peace**

(Children K-5 leave for Sunday School)

*** Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 119

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Holy center of this most holy season, Jesus, child, and ruler, all our stars point to your birth; all our wonderings come home to you; all our griefs and delights find

* Those who are able stand

a place in your stable. Your light shines in our lives; your peace embraces our
angers and sorrows; your life opens us to new discovery of ourselves and our
neighbors. In your humble birth we know your everlasting love and light of
the world is upon us. In your glorious name, we offer you our thanks and
praise. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: Hope

Harriett Rogers and Ron Schuller

Hymn

One Candle Is Lit (verse 1)

No. 128

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Throckmorton

Anthem

A Little Light Was Born (Michael Barrett)

Federated Choir
Marcia Snavelly, piano

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 48

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; one God, triune, whom we adore.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Wooster

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Throckmorton

*** Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 124

Scripture

John 1:1-9

Rev. Wooster

Sermon The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Rev. Wooster



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all
Telecoil-equipped hearing aids to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

Communion Rev. Wooster and Rev. Throckmorton

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Communion Music *Savior of the Nations, Come* (J.S. Bach) Barry Stees, bassoon
Marcia Snavelly, organ

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* **Hymn** *When God Is a Child* No.132

*** Benediction** Rev. Wooster

Postlude	<i>Wachet auf (Sleepers, Awake)</i> (J.S. Bach)	Barry Stees, bassoon Marcia Snavelly, organ
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~ Departing to Service~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 10th, 10 AM
Second Sunday of Advent: Peace
Children's Musical
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton offers a meditation
"God Will Speak Peace to God's People"
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

If you do not wish to take it home, please recycle your bulletin in the recycling bin in the narthex on your way out.