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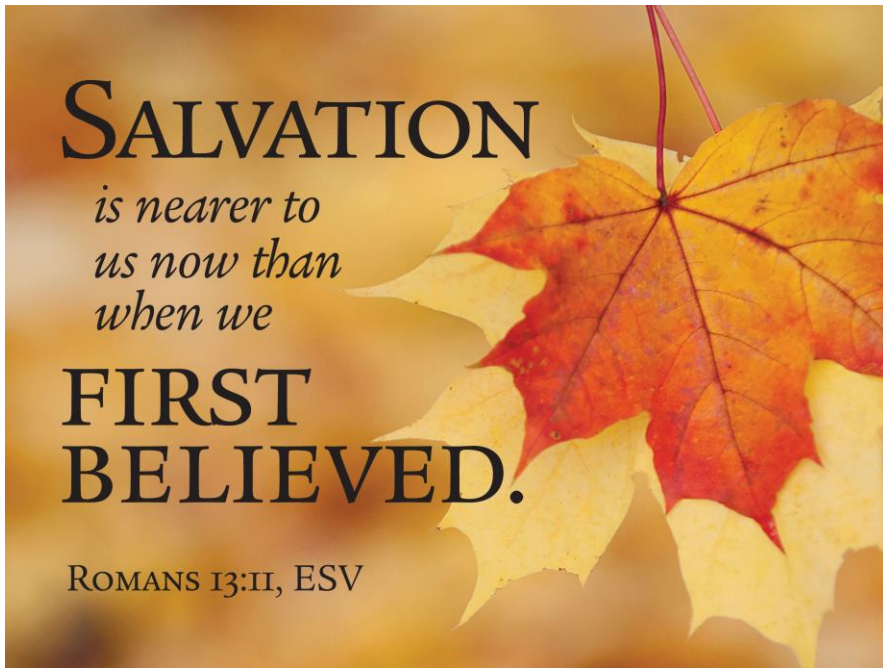
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Praise Team Worship

First Sunday in Advent

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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

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2025 Congregational Watchword -

"Jesus said, 'Blessed are those who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.'" - Matthew 5:10

2025 Theme - Year of Listening

Welcome

Gathering of Community

Lighting of the Advent Candle Prophet/Hope

Our first Advent candle is the candle of Prophecy and Hope.
The prophecy of the coming Messiah was long foretold as we hear
from these two Old Testament readings:

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch
will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — the Spirit of

wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord. - Isaiah 11:1-2

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14

These prophecies brought hope to the people of God:

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." - Hebrews 10:23

Advent Litany

L: Out of darkness a light shines.

C: **Out of silence an angel declares the Savior will be born,**

L: and a young woman responds, "Here am I."

C: **From a dead stump a shoot grows.**

L: From hopelessness, hope.

L: Today we begin the journey toward the light.

C: **Today we light this candle of hope.**

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Gathering Song

"By Faith"

By faith we see the hand of God,

In the light of creation's grand design;

In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,

Who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand;
A place where peace and justice reign.
We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear,
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.
By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach Good News
In every corner of the earth.
We will stand as children of the Promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Musical Interlude

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name
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We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
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Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. Amen Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Long-expected God,

C: **We confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

L: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness.† You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Watchword

Matthew 5:10

L: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

C: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

Please greet each other with a sign of God's Peace

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 484

Matthew 24:36-44

Pew Bible pg. 701

Children's Sermon

Song of the Word

"Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord.

And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,

Righteousness being restored

And though these are the days of great trials,

Of famine and darkness and sword;

Still we are the voice in the desert crying,

Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,

Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee

Out of Zion's hill salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel,

The dry bones becoming as flesh.

And these are the days of Your servant David,

Rebuilding a temple of praise.

And these are the days of the harvest,

The fields are as white in Your world;

And we are the laborers in Your vineyard

Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,

Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes
There's no God like Jehovah, There's no God like Jehovah,
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Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

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Sermon Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible pg. 804

Sermon

"Wearing the Correct Clothes"

Parish Deacon Ann

Response to the Word

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all

things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Offering & Special Music "God with Us - Mercy Me" Praise Team

Who are we, that You would be mindful of us?

What do You see, that's worth looking our way?

We are free, in ways that we never should be;

Sweet release, from the grip of these chains.

Like hinges straining from the weight,

My heart no longer can keep from singing.
All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified Emmanuel, God with us!
My heart sings a brand new song;
The debt is paid, these chains are gone! Emmanuel, God with us!
Lord You know, our hearts don't deserve Your glory;
Still, You show, a love we cannot afford.
Like hinges straining from the weight,
My heart no longer can keep from singing.
All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified, Emmanuel, God with us!
My heart sings a brand new song;
The debt is paid, these chains are gone! Emmanuel, God with us!
Such a tiny offering, compared to Calvary.
Nevertheless, we lay it at your feet.
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Nevertheless we lay this at your feet.
All that is within me cries
For You alone, be glorified, Emmanuel, God with us!
My heart sings a brand new song;
The debt is paid these chains are gone! Emmanuel, God with us!

Offering Prayer

L: Nourishing God,
C: **you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may
rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.
Amen.**

Sending to Service

Benediction

L: May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good
news to share today and always.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Salvation Belongs to our God"

Salvation belongs to our God

Who sits upon the throne, And unto the Lamb;

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, Amen.

And we the redeemed shall be strong, In purpose and unity,

Declaring aloud, Praise and glory, Wisdom and thanks,

Honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, Amen.

Praise and glory, Wisdom and thanks,

Honor and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever,

Be to our God forever and ever, Amen. Amen.

Dismissal

L: Stay in the light and go forth in God's peace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**