Prelude Ann Boudreaux

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 12)

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

**One:**  In that day you will say:

**Many: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim God’s name; make known among the nations what God has done, and proclaim that God’s name is exalted.**

**One:** Sing to the Lord, for God has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

**All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”**

Hymn *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* (v. 4)

Advent Candle Lighting

**One:** Advent is a time to praise.

**Many: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits.**

**One:** During Advent we remember God’s past faithfulness.

**Many: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits.**

**One:** During Advent we remember God’s present goodness.

**Many: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits.**

**One:** During Advent we remember God’s future promises..

**Many: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits.**

*Candle Lighting*

This morning we light four candles. The first candle reminds us that during Advent we wait upon the promises of the Lord. The second candle reminds us to watch for God’s presence with expectant eyes and anxious hearts. The third candle reminds us to prepare ourselves to receive the gift of the promised Savior. As we light the fourth candle, we are reminded that Advent is a time to give praise for what God has done, for what God is. Currently doing and for what God will bring to completion. As the light of Advent grows brighter, it reminds us that we move closer to receiving the gift of a Savior.

*We Sing the Refrain*

Unison Prayer

God in heaven, we look to you amidst a world filled with darkness. Help us to seek the light of your truth, as we remember your promises and offer our praise to you. Amen

Hymn # *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (v. 4)

Children’s Message

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible Micah 5:2-5a

A Pop-Up Christmas Pageant (Congregational Participation)

Prayers of the People *(sharing of joys and concerns)*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(debts and debtors)*

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem*“Hallelujah (Light Has Come)”* Barlow Girl

Hmmm my baby Heaven sent you to me
All the worlds been praying Who will save?
But who am I That here tonight I hold the one Who'll bring us life

Chorus: Hallelujah, we've been found A child is born to save us now
Hallelujah, light has come A Savior who will set us free
A Promise for those who believe

Do you hear the Angels Sing for you my baby
Men and kings have come to Bow to you
But here in my arms So close to me The son of God Now all can see

Chorus

Prayer of Dedication (From Moira Laidlaw)

**Gracious God, we rejoice as we offer these gifts in response to the great things you have done for us. We give thanks especially for the great gift of your love clothed in human flesh. We pray that Jesus will be born anew into our hearts, and that the witness of our lives will convince others of the wonder and the miracle of Christmas.  In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen**

Benediction

Hymn #104 (TCNH)  *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Come, Thou long expected Jesus. Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.