

Christ UMC Worship  
12.8.2024  
2nd Sunday of Advent | Prepare the Way

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

OPENING MUSIC	Dr. Johnathan Vest
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	

*Sung response:*

**Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come into our lives and into our hearts.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come  
Come, Lord Jesus, come**

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*Spoken response:* **Prepare the way of the Lord.**

*OPENING HYMN	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (1,2,3,7) <i>Congregation and Worship Band</i>	211 (Red)
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**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

*Refrain:*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and show us in her ways to go. *Refrain***

**3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain***

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
deliver us from earthly strife. *Refrain***

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\*OPENING PRAYER

ACT OF PRAISE

"Prepare Ye"

Robinson

*Joyful Noise Youth Choir;*

*Sophia Anfuso, Sofija O'Dell, Jack O'Dell, and Henry Thomas, soloists*

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## **GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1-4

Mike Higgins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michelle Lomicka

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-6

Katie Higgins

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price



**Refrain:**

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
 The night and the day are both alike.  
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
 I want to look at Jesus.  
 Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
 and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]**

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
 I want to be with Jesus.  
 When we have run with patience the race,  
 we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]**

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SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

BLESSING SONG

"Come, Lord Jesus, Come "

Cotton

**Come, Lord Jesus, come  
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 Come into our lives and into our hearts.  
 Come, Lord Jesus, come  
 Come, Lord Jesus, come**

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CLOSING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

## Prayer List

### **New Prayer Concerns**

Saucier/Kohler Family following the death of Thelma Ann Saucier  
Cynthia White  
Sulaiman Tunkara and Family  
Margaret Fortney

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

Irene Archambault  
Matt Barr  
Jean Beshears  
Velma Bradley  
Dave Bradley  
Melissa Brodnag  
William Bush  
Don Campbell  
Friends and Family of Julie Catterton following her death  
Gavin Partee Christianson  
Dave Edmunds  
Mary Fredenhagen  
Bishop Graves and family following the death of his father, Fred  
Olivia Haight  
Colin Hudy  
Heath Hudy  
Karen Kiappes  
Jerry Kirk  
Linda Mallory  
Sue Mueller  
Bob Munn  
Chuck Neighbors  
Terry Paradise  
Peace in the Middle East  
Marshall Price  
Judson Randolph  
Amy Saffell  
Leslie Tiedemann  
Ukraine  
John Wigant  
Terri Wildman