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) 211 (Red)

Congregation and Worship Band

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

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. Amen.

OFFERING

"Light Upon the Mountains"

Worship Band

Burton|Maust|Crissman

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*DOXOLOGY 94 (Red)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit Alleluia! alleluia!

SILENT REFLECTION

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

CLOSING SONG

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Worship Band and Congregation

206 (Red)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

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

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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