

Order of Worship: Advent Week 1: Hope

Prelude

Veni Emmanuel by Martha Sobaje

Welcome & Announcements

***Opening Hymn:**

UMH #203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

***Call to Worship:**

L: People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

A: As we gather to pray and sing and listen a spirit of hope fills us.

L: The days are coming when our God will prevail.

A: May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds

L: so that we are free to respond joyfully to God's call in the days to come.

A: Let our faith and hope then be rekindled as we wait for God.

***Advent Prayer: Emmanuel, God with us, in this Advent season**

we celebrate that you are not hidden, but that you chose to be with us in the mystery of our lives. Be with us again and let something wonderful begin in us — something surprising and holy. May your Spirit be upon us, your hope within us, and let your joy overwhelm us. Amen.

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

By: Rich & Linda Pearson

Advent Hymn:

UMH #211 vs 1-2 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

Scripture:

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."^[a]

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you; this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

Sermon:

"Are You Prepared?"

Commitment Sunday Invitation & Dedication for 2023

***Offering Doxology**

[Please Note: The offering is in the back of the sanctuary]

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn: **UMH #218 It Came Upon The Midnight Clear**

Benediction

Postlude *Awake, the Voice is Calling* by Karl Karow

Joys and Concerns

[Please Note: This is our time to share our prayers of joys and concerns with one another offline—feel free to share as you feel moved]

*Denotes stand if able - **Bold** means in unison

WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Leader: Kate Galop

Liturgist: Sondra Spence

Music Director: Roger LaCross

Stream Team: Jackson Skibel

WELCOME TO CHURCH

We welcome everyone because we all need God in our lives!
We extend a warm welcome to those who could use prayer right now and for those of
you who are visiting. Regardless, of why you joined us today we
welcome you with open arms to Faith UMC!

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through worship and service to our community and beyond."*