

**Order of Worship**  
**December 24, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter* Alison Martin, harp

GREETING/CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Brittany Watson

OPENING HYMN *O Come All Ye Faithful*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE David, Lanie, Carter, John David and Isaiah Konecny

**Reader 1:** Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.

**Reader 2:** It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.

**Reader 1:** We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.

*(The Christ candle is lighted.)*

**Reader 2:** Rejoice, a Savior is born. O Come, let us adore him.

SUNG RESPONSE: *O Come Let Us Adore Him*

ADVENT PRAYER

Rev. Donna Hankins

**The Advent story of hope and mystery, anticipation, preparation, a kingdom of this world and the next, and a king appearing when we least expect. Heaven touching earth, the footsteps of the divine walking dusty roads as once they did in Eden, and a people, searching for a Savior, and walking past the stable. Open eyes and hearts, that this might be an Advent of hope to the world.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Rev. Haley Jones

ANTHEM

*O Holy Night*

Kelley Ponder

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

HYMN OF PREPERATION

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

SERMON

Rev. David C. Freeman

OFFERTORY

*The Word Was God*

CAROL 239

*Silent Night*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Haley Jones

POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*