

8:30 Service

(This service is held in the Garden Room on the lower level and is led without a printed order)

BAND: Terry Raymond, Keyboard
Ben Oakes, Bass
WORSHIP LEADER: Patti Wright

Bruce Bartley, Drums
Billy Jines, Guitar
SPECIAL MUSIC: John Carter

Order of Worship for 10:30 Service

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Carolyn Howard
*Large print bulletins and hymnals (red cover) as well as FM receivers are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. If you want to share a prayer request, take a card from the pew rack, fill it out and during the prayer hymn hold it up for the usher to collect. *Please stand as you are able at asterisk.*

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD "The Promise of Advent" Chancel Choir

*OPENING PRAYER Unison

Give to us all, dear God, a sense of your presence and peace. In the dark night of the world's anguish, we pray to you out of our need. Hear us as we come, intensely alone, yet holding hands in the darkness, making one another's cares our own. Strengthen the poets, the prophets, the peacemakers, the dreamers, and the dancers of life. Surprise us today by a new star that lights up the sky, giving us hope and banishing our despair. In the name of the One who is coming. Amen.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come O Come Emanuel" No. 211

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Mike Warneke

Children are invited to the chancel for this time. After this, children through 5th grade may leave with Nancy Reid for Kid's Club.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

GUIDED ADVENT REFLECTION ON READING

LITURGY FOR LIGHTING THE PROMISE CANDLE

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

People: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

Leader: The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation.

Leader: We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

(Candle lighting)

People: We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.

ADVENT MUSIC John Carter

SERMON "Traveling Companion" Mike Warneke

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn "Fill My Cup Lord" No. 641

Prayer cards collected. You may come to the altar for prayer.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession Mike Warneke

RECEPTION AND RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS (see blue insert in hymnal)

INVITATION, CONFESSION, PARDON AND PEACE Responsive

from "A Service of Word and Table II", Hymnal p. 12

OFFERTORY John Carter

(The ushers will collect & present the offering without a Doxology.)

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER Responsive/Unison

from "A Service of Word and Table II", Hymnal pp. 13-14

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All who are able are encouraged to come forward to receive communion by intinction today. Beginning at the front the ushers will direct people forward down the side aisles. People in the center sections will take the center aisle back and side aisle forward. Those from the balcony may fall in line with those from the main floor. Take a piece of bread from the first server, then move to the person with the cup, dip the bread, and commune. Stop at the altar railing for prayer, if you wish, or return directly to your pew by way of a center aisle. Servers will bring the elements to those who wish to commune in the pew. Partake as the elements are offered and place the empty cup in the pew holders.

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

*SENDING HYMN "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Organ

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent

Theme: Preparation Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4

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We welcome all to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to stop by our Visitors Welcome Station.

Access & Parking: Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Sts. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics' lots.

Nametags help members and visitors. Wear yours each Sunday; then leave it on a rack for next Sunday. If you need one, notify the church office.

Have you remembered Central in your will? Bequests show ultimate caring. You may designate your gift as you wish. Undesignated bequests go half to Endowment (earnings of which support building maintenance & local missions) and half to fund major needs.

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“Traveling Companion”

First Sunday of Advent