

Traditional Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

December 2, 2018

1st Day of Advent

“Staying Hopeful”

Isaiah 11:1-10

GATHERING MUSIC arr. Larson
“Emmanuel *with* O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Terri Pennington
Please fill out a Connection Card to place in the offering plate.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CENTERING MUSIC arr. Keesecker
“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns ”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Leader: Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

People: Like the bud on a tree, God’s possibilities are about to blossom!

Leader: Stay awake! The reign of God is very near.

People: Today we once again enter the season of Advent, knowing that God is bringing light to dissipate the shadows.

All: Our hope is in the Lord, who is coming. Let us rejoice and sing!

*OPENING HYMN No. 196
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. George Purnell

Gentle God, you know that for us, this is the season of hopes and fears. We are caught up in our excitement and plans. We worry whether everything will get done, and whether our relationships will blossom, bend or break in the stress of the season. Slow us down, God, and help us to place our hope in you. Be our calm center, that we may be channels of peace to the people around us: through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Let us greet and welcome those around us to the family of God.

ANTHEM Central Choir
“The Kingdom is Coming”

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

MORNING PRAYER Rev. George Purnell

MESSAGE Rev. George Purnell
“Staying Hopeful”
Isaiah 11:1-10

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING No. 15
The Lord’s Prayer Unison

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all who come in honesty, peace and humble faith. Everyone is invited to share in the sacrament of grace. All who are able are encouraged to come forward by way of the side aisles to receive communion. Ushers will move among the seats to serve those who would like to stay seated.

WORSHIPING THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY Barron Trio
“Angels We Have Heard on High” Caroline, Ellie & Lila

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 94

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! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. George Purnell

*SENDING HYMN No. 117
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE arr. Pethel
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

EXIT TO SERVE