

Morning Worship

December 5, 2021, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: The Peace of Home
~Second Sunday of Advent~

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

Lighting of the Advent Candle Sue & Dave York

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Luke 1:68-75 Leader

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

Leader: as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

People: that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Leader: Thus, He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered His holy covenant,

People: the oath that He swore to our ancestor Abraham,

Leader: to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

People: in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

***Opening Hymn** "Like a Child" TFWS #2092

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Leader

Heavenly Father, we come to worship you today desiring peace. However, we confess that we are often distracted by our fears, by our devices, and by our many "to-do's". Please grant us that *peace of God, which surpasses all understanding* so that we can truly "come home" and be in Your peaceful presence. We pray this in your son's name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Prayer to Emmanuel" Patrick M. Liebergen

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading** Luke 3:1-6 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Refined and Prepared" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204
(sung twice)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts *(Please mail in your offerings)*

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

We bless your name, *Jehovah-Rapha*, our Healer and the One who makes bitter experiences sweet. You sent Your Word and healed us. You forgave all our iniquities, and You healed all our diseases. Hallowed be Your name! May these gifts be used to heal Your world

as only You can. Guide these gifts, and our lives, to be instruments of peace and healing to *prepare the way of the Lord*. We pray this all in Jesus's name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH #213

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" UMH # 211
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Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"