

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Bobbi Hunter

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel... Charles Callahan

Advent Candle Lighting

Conrad & Anne Milner with grandchildren, Serena Acosta & Vince Fernandez

* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · Prepare the Way
No. 13

Prayer of Confession (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Let us pray:
God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

People: But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

Leader: You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

People: But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

Leader: You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

People: But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

Leader: God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**People: Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Leader: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

People: There's room for every story. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* ♪ **Gloria Patri**
No. 579

* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

Why I Belong · Don Pollard

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading · Tunde Olagbaju

Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg. 1062)

♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

O Come Emmanuel... Traditional Christmas Hymn, arr. Alice Parker
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist; Linda Pollard,
Handbells
(CCLI #20405356)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1 – the Genealogy of Jesus – a creative interactive telling
Rev. Renée Rico assisted by Leland & Linda Morine

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

"There's Room for Every Story"

Part 1, From Generation to Generation

1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Acknowledgment and Commitment of Pledges

Members and friends are invited to bring their pledges for 2024 forward to the "church" at the front of the Sanctuary.

- * **♪ Hymn of Preparation** · Star Child

See pg. 6 in bulletin

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup Shared

Prayers of The People and the ♪ Lord's Prayer (sung)

See laminated copy in pew rack

- * **♪ Closing Hymn** · It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

No. 38

- * **Benediction**

- * **♪ Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace

♪ Organ Postlude · Bobbi Hunter

Angels from the Realms of Glory... Michael Burkhardt