

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn

Ye Servants of God

UMH 181

*Responsive Benediction

Leader: The blessing of the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever.

People: Amen.

*Benediction Chorus

UMH 203

Hail To The Lord's Anointed (vs. 4)

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

*Postlude

**=We invite you to please stand, as you are able.*

■ **May We Pray with You?** Prayer Partners are available after the service to encourage and pray with you. They will be waiting at the front pew.

Order of Worship

November 29, 2015

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

First Sunday of Advent

WE COME TOGETHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Michael Burkett

*Opening Chorus

Curt Timmons

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (vs. 1)

UMH 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's Greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

*We Proclaim Our Mission

Linda Blue

Leader: Who are we?

All: People of God, learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey.

*Opening Unison Prayer

O God, we join all creation and people of all ages in praising you. Your kindness and forgiveness flow like a river through the centuries. Refresh our faith, hope and love in this day. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Advent Anthem

Light a Candle for All to See

(Congregation- sing the echo)

Light a candle for all to see.

(Light a candle for all to see.)

The King shall come for you and me.

(The King shall come for you and me.)

Gift of love: Emmanuel.

(Gift of love: Emmanuel.)

And with us He shall ever dwell.

(And with us He shall ever dwell.)

(All Sing)

Emmanuel: God with us, King of kings and Lord of lords!
Come fill our hearts with Your love and reign forevermore.

Lighting of Advent Candle

“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. (Psalm 130:7)

Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth—the Lord, who remains faithful forever. (Psalm 146:5-6)

*Opening Hymn

UMH 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

(Congregation seated)

WE LISTEN FOR AND RECEIVE GOD’S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Chancel Choir

O Come Emmanuel —arr Schram

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Come to us O Wisdom from on high, who has ordered all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

O come, O King of nations, in one the hearts of humankind.

Bid all our sad divisions cease, and be Yourself our King of peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

The choir may disperse as needed.

The Message

Rev. Michael Burkett

He Made Himself Nothing

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GOODNESS WITH JOY

*Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

Our Life Together

Please register your attendance in the registration card provided and place it in the offering plate.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Teel

Lord’s Prayer

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.

Dedication of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Joy to the World

Logan Walker

*Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.