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Welcome in the name of Jesus!

Centering Prayer

Song of Praise - (UMH) 204 Emmanuel Emmanuel

Sharing of the Peace – please take a moment to greet those around you in the Name of the Lord.

Anthem The Coming of the Lord

***Call to Worship**

L: Who will come to save us? Who will the Lord send to heal our wounds?

C: Will God send the mighty angelic host? Will God send a great warrior?

L: But a child has no voice, no power, no influence. Why would God send a child?

C: A child cannot change the world. Why would God send a child?

L: A child needs to be loved and cared for. We need to pay attention to a child.

C: So much of our energy will be consumed in caring for the child.

L: We need to reach out in love--after all, aren't we God's beloved ones?

C: The child is the blessed gift that God sends, teaching us again about loving and caring. Amen.

***MORNING PRAYER**

Lord of all life and all seasons, help us open our hearts to hear the words of promise and love that you send to us. Like Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power. Prepare us to receive your gift of grace and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Hymn of Praise - (UMH) 211 (v. 104) O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prayer Time – Please share your joys as well as your prayers.

TIME OF PRAYER (FWS) 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayers

THE 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 temptations but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Party with the Preacher

Offering (Doxology page 95)

God of Grace, in the midst of a season so focused on shopping and finding the right gift, we give our gifts now to you. We remember that all our giving has its foundation in the amazing gift you gave to us: putting on flesh and coming in the form of a child, Emmanuel, God with us! May what we give today, and in the days to come, be bathed in the knowledge that yours is the most perfect gift and the one we need the most. We pray in the holy name of the Christ child, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 (p 1)

Message

Closing Hymn – (UMH) 210 All Earth Is Waiting

***Good News**

Place your trust in God, for God is with you. Listen carefully for God's loving whisper in this time--the words will give you healing and hope. Go in peace and may God's peace always be with you. AMEN.

FWS – Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for coffee and conversation after
Worship.

SERVING THIS WEEK: (12/0918)

Greeters: Deb Smith and Jane Salyer
Ushers: Sue Spoor and Waneta Neilson
Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Sonya Anderson
Door Greeter: Kish Swift
Fellowship: **Need Some One to Sign Up**

SERVING NEXT WEEK (12/16/18)

Greeters: Amos Hammond and John Prinzivalli
Ushers: Dick Smith and Russ Heggie
Scripture Reader: Elly Stempien
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinzivalli
Door Greeter: Dave Perl
Fellowship: Pam Althouse and Waneta Nielsen

*Under the back table there are tote bags with activities for kids to use during worship. Please put the bags back when you are finished.

Christmas Eve Service – 7:00pm

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