

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Prelude** | “Advent Prayer”                      Music: Anthony Giamanco  
Melanie McManigal

**Welcome & Announcements**                      Rev. Dr. Barry Hughes

**\*Call to Worship**                                      Ann Timmons

**Leader:** Welcome to Worship. Today we begin our Advent journey together as we ponder how love came down in the birth of Jesus. As we look forward to the celebration of Christmas Eve, we do not jump ahead. Instead, we spend these four weeks preparing our hearts to receive such a gift of love.

**People:** We are glad the church helps us to prepare. So many voices call us to lose ourselves in the hustle and bustle of the business of Christmas. We want to experience more. We want to be changed by the love that broke into the world through the person born that night.

**Leader:** The people of old longed for the Messiah to be born. They longed to hear once again the voice of God. They wanted to know that love could bring reconciliation between themselves and God.

**People:** That is the greatest longing of our hearts as well. We want things to be right. O Lord, hear our prayer and come to us with forgiveness and grace. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** | No. 203      Music: Gesangbuch H.W.k. Hofkapelle  
“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”                      Text: James Montgomery

## CALL TO FAITH

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** | Hope      Steve and Deborah Chisler

**Children’s Moment**                                      Rev. Patrick Littlefield

## CALL TO PRAYER

**Pastoral Prayer**                                      Rev. Patrick Littlefield

**Prayer Response** | No. 196                      Music: Rowland H. Prichard  
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”                      Text: Charles Wesley

## CALL TO THE WORD

**\*Scripture Reading** | Isaiah 64:1-9                      Rev. Milton Guttierrez

**Sermon** | “The Heart’s Greatest Longing”      Rev. Dr. Barry Hughes

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Offertory**    Rev. Patrick Littlefield

**Offertory Response**                                      Music: Elaine Hagenberg  
“O Come, Emmanuel”                      Text: Latin trans. John M. Neale  
Chancel Choir                                      and Henry S. Coffin  
Cello: Chris Frey

**\*Doxology** | No. 94                                      Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Communion** | No. 12                                      Rev. Dr. Barry Hughes

**Communion Music**                                      Music: Gustav Holst  
“In the Bleak Midwinter”                      arr. Sarah Wilson

“I Wonder As I Wander”                                      Music: John Jacob Niles  
arr. Celeste Avery

Cello: Chris Frey  
Accompanied: Melanie McManigal

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

**\*Hymn of Invitation** | No. 202, v.1-2                      Music: Trad. French Carol  
“People, Look East”                                      Text: Eleanor Farjeon

**\*Benediction**    Rev. Dr. Barry Hughes

**\*Benediction Hymn** | No. 242, v.1                      Music: Trad. Irish Melody  
“Love Came Down at Christmas”                      Text: Christina G. Rossetti

**Postlude** | “Lift Up Your Heads”                      Music: arr. David Paxton  
Melanie McManigal

*\*Please stand as you are able*