

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Arr. Lloyd Larson)

Invitation to Worship:

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Based on #1)

**2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who shows the way of peace in which to lie;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Lighting the Second Advent Candle: The Candle of Peace

Prayer:

Gracious One, thank you for the promise of peace. Thank you for moments where we feel it deep in our hearts. Teach us to make peace with our words, with our hands, for our own place and all places. Amen.

Welcome and The Life and Ministry of Our Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 3:2-6 & 10-14

Sermon: "Prince of Peace."

Musical Offering: "Lo How A Rose" (Allison Houston, Wendy Hall, and Alanna Code)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Call to Prayer: (We join in a spirit of prayer with the singing bowl)

Prayers for Healing and Transformation

The Lord's Prayer:

WE SHARE IN COMMUNION

Invitation to Offer and Receive God's Gifts

Reverse Offering: In support of the Stittsville Food Bank.

Song of Dedication: "In The Bleak Mid-Winter" (vs. 4) #55

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**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him - give my heart. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

We are reminded, O God, that Christmas is a time of giving and a time of love. First is your love for us, and then our love for you and for one another. Help us to remember that every day can be like Christmas, as we celebrate your love in Christ, and as we live in his way. Bless and use these gifts, and all that we offer you, that your love would be known in all the world. Amen.

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #35

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**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are you, O Source and Sustainer of life, ... And so
we offer you our praises as we sing:

**All: (#932) Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the
highest! Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
One: (Concludes the prayer.)**

Sharing the Bread and Cup:

(We invite you to eat and drink in your own homes, knowing we
share this special meal together though we are apart.)

Prayer Following Communion:

**O God, through the sharing of this bread and cup, we have
been blessed with nourishment and strength. As your love
has been born among us in Christ, so may we carry your
love into all the world. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

Hymn: "Hark, the Glad Sound"

#29

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**1 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.**

**2 He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**

**3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.**

**4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.**

Commissioning and Benediction

Departing Song: "Prepare the Way" (Sung 2x)

#10

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**Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make a straight path for him, make a straight path;
prepare the way of the Lord!**

Music To Inspire Us As We Go: "Huron Carol" (VU #71)