

# LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 29, 2020

10:00 a.m.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Arr. Beka Wilson  
Carol Griffin, Flute

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Beth & Thayne Randall and George Taylor

### UNISON PRAYER

**Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this uncertain season of Advent, we wait.

**People: Hoping, hoping God is coming to us.**

Leader: In the vagueness of these days, we try to listen.

**People: Hoping, hoping the Word will be whispered to us.**

Leader: In the weariness of our times, we wait, we listen, we watch.

**People: Hoping, hoping the Spirit will be found in our midst.**

**All: Gracious God, meet us in this place, as we gather as one to worship you.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE O come, O come, Emmanuel

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

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show;  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Come, God who draws near to us, for we live in fretful times, wondering if we will ever come out of them. Come to us, with your grace. Come, God who has walked these roads, for we long to be faithful in these days, but find it all too easy to be seduced by worry. Come to us, with your hope. Come, God who carries life in your breath, for we try to stay apart for others and ourselves, but find it easy to listen to those who mock us for being so foolish. Come to us, with your love.**

**God of hope, have mercy.**

**God of grace, have mercy.**

**God of love, have mercy.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the midst of all our uncertainty, we are reminded of the old truths, that God loves us, God forgives us, God restores us to new life. The Child has come, bringing grace, offering mercy, and wrapping us in arms of love! Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

### THE CHILDREN'S TIME

### THE ACT OF OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *I Wonder As I Wander* Arr. James M. Stevens  
Carol Griffin, Flute

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

**LPC TROUPERS** *When Will It End?* Linda Allen  
**Troupers:** Paula Bartlett♦Diana Quinlan♦Alan York♦Leland Pettis  
**Narrator:** Linda Allen

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### SERMON

*Watch*

Brian Mitchell

## RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Prepare the way, O Zion,  
your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley  
a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory,  
foretold in sacred story.

*Refrain:* O blest is Christ who came  
in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
your Savior's rule embrace,  
and tidings of salvation  
proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow rejoicing,  
their adoration voicing.

*Refrain:* O blest is Christ who came  
in God's most holy name.

### BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo*  
Carol Griffin, Flute

Arr. G. Willmes

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Please silence all cell phones before the service begins.

**The Floral Arrangement** in the Chancel this morning is given by Daniel Modaff to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph Reinders and in honor of Marlene Reinders.

