

*The Response to the Candle Lighting (See Insert)

Light the Advent Candle
ADVENT CANDLE SONG

The Processional (*Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row*)

*The Opening Hymn No. 116
(Stanzas 1, 2, 5)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VEN EMMANUEL

Listening for God in Word, Prayer, and Music

The Children's Message

Rev. Hankamer

I see the face of God in you; the love of Christ comes shining through, and I am blessed to be with you, beloved, holy child of God.

The Voluntary

Divinum Mysterium

Plainchant, arr. Purifoy

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

The Prayer Response

Immortal Love, Forever Full

SERENITY

Immortal Love, forever full, forever flowing free, forever shared, forever whole, a never ebbing sea!

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 41:5-10

One: God's promise to comfort and empower us.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn No. 165

Love Came Down at Christmas
WHITNEY

*The Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26-39

One: Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly.

Many: **But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy**

Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

One: All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Many: **When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.**

The Sermon

When You're Afraid, Give Me Your Hand

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

Love Came Forth at Christmas

D. H. Clark

Love came forth at Christmas, Love, all lovely love's divine. Love is born at Christmas, star and angel gave a sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine. Worship we our Jesus, Love embodied, sacred sign. Love shall be our token. Love be yours and love be mine—love to God and neighbor—love our prayer and gift and sign.

—Christina Rossetti, 1855, alt.

Dedicating Gifts to God

The Offertory is a time of personal devotion and an opportunity to present silently before God what we can give of ourselves. Monetary gifts may be made privately in the offering plate located in the aisle at the back of the sanctuary or via PayPal by scanning the QR Code found on the insert.

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (Using "Father" or "God" and "trespasses")

The Words of Institution

The service of holy communion is a celebration of the presence of God and Christ among us and a feast of bounty for all. In this place, all are welcome to partake. You will be directed, row by row, to come forward. The server will place the bread in your open palms. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to either partake of the common cup containing wine or you may choose to take one of the individual cups containing grape juice. If you wish to take communion using intinction (dipping the bread), please use the individual cups.

**Please rise, if able.*