Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we hear Your Word, quiet our minds and open our hearts. Help us make room for Your presence, receive Your grace, and recognize the new things You are doing among us. Prepare us to welcome Christ and share Your love with the world. Amen.

Mark 1:1-8 NRSVUE

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.
2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way,
3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,’ ”
4 so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
5 And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.
6 Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.
7 He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals.
8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

This is the Word of God for the People of God!
Thanks Be to God!

Observation:_____
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Welcome

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Mark 1:8

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Contemporary Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Barbara Aziz**

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

†OPENING PRAISE SONG *"I Believe"* **Lighthouse Praise Band**

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING **The Wright Family**

"*O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 1*

CHILDREN'S TIME **Christy Firmin, Children Director**

CHILDREN'S SONG *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (chorus)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



OFFERTORY SONG *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER **On Screen**

CENTERING SONG *"Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)"* **On Screen**

†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Back of Bulletin) **On Screen**

†SCRIPTURE Lay Reader: Rhonda Kramer **Mark 1:1-8 NRSVUE**

MESSAGE Room for All **Rev. Barbara Aziz**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†CLOSING SONG *"Mighty to Save"* **On Screen**

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS

Altar Flowers given by Cathy Heller
"You are the God who saves me.
I put my hope in You all day long."
Psalm 25:5

Lighthouse Praise Band

Paul Villarreal, Band Director

Amanda Mendez, Eddie Garcia, George Husted, Hunter Henne,
Lalo Garza, Lee Dykes, Mallory Cluiss, Maren Jones, Syndi Vo

Traditional Service

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OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE **Tanya Stegall, Accompanist**

PASSING THE PEACE

†OPENING HYMN UMH #216 *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* **On Screen**

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING **The Firmin Family**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 1

CHILDREN'S TIME **Christy Firmin, Children Director**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **Tanya Stegall, Accompanist**

†DOXOLOGY UMH #94 *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* **On Screen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER **On Screen**

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Advent Candles Light The Way"* **Chancel Choir**

†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Back of Bulletin) **On Screen**

†SCRIPTURE Lay Reader: Sandy Clarkson **Mark 1:1-8 NRSVUE**

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†CLOSING HYMN UMH #196 *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* **On Screen**

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS

POSTLUDE **Tanya Stegall, Accompanist**

Chancel Choir

Nick Lopez, Director. Kay Carlson & Tanya Stegall, Accompanists
Dean Atkinson, Jamey Mobley, Barbara Mobley, David Tiner, Roylene Tiner,
Kay Carlson, Gail McCleese, Anne Mott, Jeannie Cluiss, Terri Guinn, Susan Wayne,
Pam Jorgensen, Fred Miller, Jason Dykehouse, Bill Kinney