

**Practicing Advent**

November 28, 2021

**We Gather**

**Prelude** *What Child Is This?*  Ola Mullikin

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865

MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody

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**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**Series Introduction**

**We Hear**

**Advent Candle Lighting** Lighting the Candle of Hope Smith Davis Family

**Song of Response** *The Candle of Hope*Dave Nofziger & Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Rev. Angela Blizzard

MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1887

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**\*Prayer for Illumination**  Dick Dunn

**\*Scripture** Luke 3:1-7 Dick Dunn

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gathering of Children** Pastor Lisa

**Message** Preparing the Way Pastor Lisa

**We Respond**

**Song of Response** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Dave Nofziger & Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland H. Pritchard

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**Prayers of the People[[1]](#footnote-1)**

Prayer response: **We are seeking hope.**

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us,**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

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**Closing Song** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Dave Nofziger & Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Bob McGee, 1976

MUSIC: Bob McGee, 1976

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**Benediction**

May you go forth today with the hope of Christ in your hearts. May you be a beacon of that hope to all you meet. And may God be with you this Advent season as you do all the good. Amen.

1. Adapted from http://www.freshworship.org/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)