### Order of Worship December 13, 2020

#### Welcome

#### Greeting

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations. We praise God's constant and never-ending love and faithfulness. We rejoice that God's promise of an anointed one—the Messiah is about to be fulfilled. O come, O come, Emmanuel—God with us—forever!

### Lighting of Advent Candle

Jennifer Owen

Shauna Dyer

In the past, God spoke through the prophets in many times and many ways. But in these final days, God spoke to us through a Son. "The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being."

We light the third Advent candle as a sign that God is with us, bringing light and joy amid every conceivable darkness. Come what may, we are not alone. We wait, we hope, trusting that the One born to Mary is fully God. Jesus, you are Emmanuel.

### Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verses 1-4

Vs. 1, 2 (from the UMH 211)

Vs. 3 - O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight

Vs. 4 - O come, Desire of nations, bind All people in one heart and mind Bid envy strife and quarrels cease Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

# **Opening Prayer**

Leah Dudani

Oh Emmanuel, God with us, truly in this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives. In the midst of lists and rush, you are with us as a song that echoes in our minds, as the light of a candle, as a card from a friend. They are signs of your presence. We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing, blessing and hope in us.

Let something wonderful begin in us — something surprising and holy. May your hand be upon us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us. Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night. Emmanuel, be with us once again. Amen.

#### Scripture

#### Matthew 1:18-25

Lisa White

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 with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 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."All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." 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 borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sermon	Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance Week 3: God Be with Us	of Christmas Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines
Special Music	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel with Let All A Fran Underwood, handbells	Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Thompson
Offering Prayer		Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines
Closing Hymn	God With Us	
Benediction		Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines
Choral Response	Come, Dearest Child, Into Our Hearts Frazier	
Postlude	Toccata on 'Nun Komm, der Heiden He	eiland' Manz

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 VENI EMMANUEL LM with Refrain

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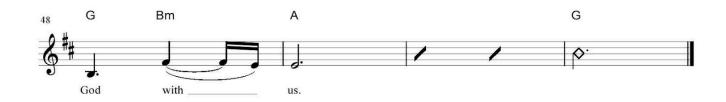
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