

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

10 a.m.

December 1, 2024

PRELUDE

*Our Lord's Holy Table*  
by Franklin Ritter

INTROIT

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
*arr.* by Thomas Helmore

CUMC Adult Choir

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

\*HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH #89

CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 33)

One: The days are coming, God promises.

**All: New life will spring forth.**

One: The days are coming, God affirms.

**All: We will live in safety.**

One: The days are coming, God assures.

**All: Justice and righteousness will reign everywhere.**

One: God's promises are true.

**All: Let us rejoice**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION

John, Jaimee & Jemma Hesleitner

Reader One: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah" (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**Congregation: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.**

Reader Two: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

*The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit.*

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

Virginia Lorenzi

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-15

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

A LETTER FROM HEROD

Tim Gill

SERMON "Herod the Great vs. The Greatness of Jesus"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As God promises to execute justice and righteousness in the world, God invites us to help make this promise a reality. Let us offer our gifts and our lives, that all may be blessed.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Christmas Communion Song*  
by Susan Naylor Callaway

CUMC Adult Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We thank you, God, for the joy we feel this day. We are blessed by this community of love, this sanctuary of acceptance. We place our trust in you, knowing that you care for us. With deep gratitude for all you provide to us, we offer our gifts to you. Centered our hearts during this season of giving. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

\*HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH #196

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

Be alert! God's realm of love and peace is breaking in. Set aside all worries and let joy be yours. God is with you. Go in love

POSTLUDE

*Advent Star*

by Edward Broughton

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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