

## Announcements

### Gathering Song: VU #1 vs. 1

O come, O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lowly exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Rejoice for God is with us -- Emmanuel!

**People: In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.**

Leader: Because He came, there is now reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

**People: God is truly with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

### Singing: VU#1 vs. 3, 5, 6, 7

O come, O come, great God of might  
Who to Your tribes, on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, O Key of David, come  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery. **R**

O come, O Dayspring, from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **R**

O come, desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
O bid Thou our sad divisions cease  
And be for us the Prince of Peace. **R**

### Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

All glory to You, O God, Who sent Your only child to earth to be born as one of us, to work among us, to share our weakness and our sorrow, and yes, - even to die for us. Accept our praise and gratitude, and enable us to grasp fully the glory of this season. We pray in Your Son's name, ...

Our Father in Heaven, All praise to your name!  
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same.  
O'er mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone,  
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for Provide us each day;  
As we forgive others, Our sins take away.  
In times of temptation To lead us be near,  
From evil deliver Your children most dear.

For Yours is the kingdom O'er all things You reign;  
And Yours is the power All things You maintain,  
To You be the glory Resounding again  
From all of creation, Forever! Amen!

### Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

VOICE: Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy. We light it and the candles of hope and peace again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

**(a person lights the candles of hope, peace, and joy)**

VOICE: The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. It's light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us.

VOICE: Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's love in human form. The Bible says that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

VOICE: Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. Love is not quick to take offense, it keeps no records of wrongs, it does not gloat over other people's troubles, but rejoices in the right, the good, and the true. There is nothing that love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, to its hope, to its endurance. Love never ends.

VOICE - We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus

### Light the Fourth Candle

VOICE: LET US PRAY Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love -- shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen

**Singing:** A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
A candle to point us to heaven above.  
A Baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.  
**VU#6 vs. 4**

**Anthem: O Holy Child of Bethlehem**

### Children's Time

**Singing: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime VU#71**

**Scripture Readings: Romans 1: 1-7 p. 913  
Matthew 1: 18-25 p. 783**

**Reflections: What Child is this? Emmanuel – God with us!**

**Singing: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child VU#46**

**Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God**

**Choir: Who Is This A Tiny Baby**

**Doxology: VU#75**

“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace,  
Good will to all from highest heaven  
Begin, and never cease.”

**Offertory Prayer:** O Lord, in this season of love, we express our gratitude to you. In this season of gift giving, we give these presents to the Christ Child. In this season of happiness, may we share with joy in our hearts. Amen.

**Anthem: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

**Singing: Angels from the Realms of Glory VU#36 vs. 1,2**

All who come with hearts confessing  
Thus approach His table now  
Let us, with the Saviour's blessing,  
In His presence humbly bow.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.  
May the bread of life enfold us,  
May the wine instill the love  
Of the Christ Child, long foretold us,  
Now proclaimed from haven above.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Singing: Joy to the World**

**VU#59**

**Benediction**

**Announcements:**

- Joyous Christmas greetings to you all! May you have the joy of Jesus, the Christmas Child with you this season and in the New Year. Our last Sunday service of 2019 will be held in Memorial Hall, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. It will be an informal one of carol singing, sharing memories and reflections. Please feel free to bring along left-over snacky food and we'll serve hot chocolate and tea and coffee, etc.
- Thank you all for your generous support for our needy families. Thank you for your donations to the Benevolent Fund; thanks to those of you selected children's names and brought in heart-warming gifts; and thank you to those who brought in Christmas meals. All the families have expressed their great appreciation.

**Reminders:**

- Food Pantry ~ Thank you for your generosity.

*We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee, tea & conversation. Serving you this morning are members of the Session.*

**Please Pray For:** The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Heinz Bauer, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Jean-Marc Bergeron, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Catherine Brophy, Leah & Chris, Liam, Carol, Caroline, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Shirley Christie, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Dominica, Norm Elkin, Mary-Alice Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Alison and Lee Gilbert, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Ruby Horan, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Laura & family, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Dan McVeigh, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Willa Pender, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell Daniel Raigneau, Norma Raigneau, Rupert Richardson, Eric Robinson, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Shirley Smith, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Peter Tucker, Brian Verschoote Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Wolfgang, Shirley Yarnell.

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*186th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2019*

**December 22, 2019 ~ 10:30 am**  
***Advent IV – Holy Communion***



**Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine**

**Director of Music: Doreen Gilbert Bangs**

*To greet you ~*

**Elder: Patricia Nielsen**

**Stewards: Cliff Henderson & Eric Robinson**