

## THE SENDING FORTH

When we leave worship we do so with the full expectation that God has blessed us in some way. We go from this place different from we were when we arrived: "remade from within". Our worship has ended; now our service begins!

### + RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lift Up Your Heads*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold, the  
2 Oh, blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - reign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
rul - er is con - fessed! Oh, hap - py hearts and  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spir - it



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

### + BENEDICTION

John Ross

Leader: For What does the Lord require of us?

**All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)**

### + BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

### POSTLUDE

Flourish on *Lift Up Your Heads*

Carolyn Diamond

arr. Wilbur Held

#### Our Worship has ended, now our service begins.

You are invited to be seated to receive the Postlude as a parting gift.

Or, you may quietly proceed to Founders Hall for fellowship and food.

And, if you have joys or concerns to share with us, one of our clergy leaders will be near the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary.



The Chancel Flowers are given by the family of Dean Smith remembering him on his birthday and in memory of Puff Nash by Bob Nash, Lisa Kendall, Rob Nash & David Nash



### WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Rev. Dr. John F. Ross

Liturgists Rev. Danielle Jones, Rev. Kristen Jeide, Rev. S. Lindy Purdy

Music Carolyn Diamond, Organ; Adam Reinwald, Interim Director of the Chancel Choir

Deacon Nancy McCabe

Chancel Guild Kathleen Patterson

Head Usher Peggy Douglas & Jake Beard

Usher Team The Laura Babcock Team

### OUR VISION

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus.

### OUR MISSION

To be a caring community drawn together by God's grace and called to personally live out Christ's love.

To actively extend a welcome invitation to all people, embracing each other with uncompromising compassion.

To boldly challenge our own complacency through courageous conversation and transformational worship.

To relentlessly share our extraordinary gifts through life-changing mission and service-near and far.



## The Worship of God

Wayzata Community Church

December 3, 2017 • 10:45 a.m. • Sanctuary

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Wayzata Community Church where lots of different people come together for the shared purpose of worshiping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired and uplifted by our worship service.

Families are embraced here. Your child is welcome to stay in worship or we have excellent, fun, faith learning for children pre-school through High School. A "cry room" is available for your comfort at the back of the Sanctuary.

- Early childhood go straight to classrooms before service
- K-5 begin in worship, leave with Jodie, pickup in the gym
- MS begin in worship, leave with Christa, pickup in MS room
- HS Pathways 10:15-11:45 in the Loft (3rd floor)
- For help finding a room, please see an usher.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Advent Season is marked by joy and expectation of Jesus' birth. Holidays and anniversaries are times when we feel all our emotions more intensely--both joy and sorrow. We are blessed to have a family of faith with which to gather for all the seasons of life! Let us worship God!

PRELUDE Carolyn Diamond  
Fantasies on *O Come, O Come Emanuel* arr. Peterson/Farrell/Hobson

COMMUNITY MOMENTS John Ross

+ CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+ CALL TO WORSHIP John Ross

Leader: Christ draws near.  
**People: A new day is dawning.**  
Leader: God's kingdom is here.  
**People: A new day is dawning.**  
Leader: It's time to wake up.  
**People: A new day is dawning.**  
Leader: Christ draws near.  
**People: A new day is dawning.**

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN Blue #141  
*The First Noel*

The first Noel, the angels did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

+ PRAYER OF PREPARATION Lindy Purdy

Leader: Gracious God, now is the Advent of the long-awaited Messiah; the Prince of Peace, the harbinger of Hope, the source of Light, Emmanuel.

**All: O Come, O come Emmanuel. Prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming.**

Leader: We wait in eager expectation to begin the journey to Bethlehem.

**All: O Come, O come Emmanuel. Prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming.**

Leader: For your glory will shine, O God, and all people shall witness your Light.

**All: O Come, O come Emmanuel. Prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming. Amen.**

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE Lindy Purdy

+ ADVENT CAROL Blue #141  
*The First Noel*

This star drew nigh to the north west,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.  
(Be seated)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Isaiah 40:3-5  
Larry & Barbara Wiken

ADVENT CAROL Blue #141  
*The First Noel*

Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in his presence,  
Their gold, and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

### THE WORD FOR THE DAY

Advent is a season of stories and words. We end every Christmas Eve with the words: "In the beginning was the Word." We call the Bible the "Word of God". But we know also that these are not all of God's words. Hear what the Spirit is saying to you this day!

CALL TO OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH  
Jodie Nyberg & Christa Workmon

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Danielle Jones  
**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM Chancel Choir  
*Do You Hear What I Hear?* Harry Simeone

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:32-37 Mark Reed  
Leader: Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Ready When You Are* John Ross

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Just prior to Advent every year is Thanksgiving. It's appropriate to give thanks as part of our preparing for Emmanuel--God with us. We thank God with words, prayers, and songs. But then we give back to God our materials gifts as well for the good it will do in the world.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir  
*If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

+ DOXOLOGY  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ PRESENTATION & DEDICATION OF GIFTS Kristen Jeide  
Leader: Please remain standing and join voices for the dedication of gifts and closing hymn.

**All: O God, we dedicate these offerings to your work. Through these gifts, may we be open to your Spirit moving through us, to serve in ways we may not have planned, to celebrate joys we did not anticipate, and to aid with needs we could not foresee. Amen.**