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10AM



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Centering Song Loves Pure Light

* Call To Worship

One: Every day, our soul longs for what is to come,

All: each day we wait in expectation,

One: early in the morning and late and night,

All: here in this room and out in the world,

God, we long for you to break in.

One: Meet us in this space, where we are.

All: Surprise us with your present hope.

One: Fill this room with your good news. Hope is here.

All: With hope, we sing, we worship, and we pray. So be it!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

In a world full of fear, where do you see hope? Is it when we gather together? Is it in new people around us? The scriptures affirm that hope also comes when we dream of a better world for everyone. Today, we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light guide us, showing us that because of what God is doing, hope is here. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* Opening Prayer

Ever-present God, we long to feel your presence in our lives and to break through the chaos and suffering of this world. Yet, how hard it is to stand still long enough to see that you are here. Forgive our rushing and distractions. Center our wandering hearts in this space. Remind us that even in the time of Herod, even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.

Hanging of the Greens

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit!

***Hymn of Praise** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus 196(Blue)

Children's Time Chris Smith Kozlowski, *Dir. of Children's Min.*
Children's church is available after the children's time!

The Word in Music Advent Fanfare

Scripture Reading Luke 1:5-13

Sermon Rev. Michael Mann

OUR RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Share a prayer concern on one of our prayer cards!



Invitation to Generosity

<https://fumclombardandvillapark.flocknote.com/give/>

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Doxology+

Ever-Watchful God, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your coming reign. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who is coming, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn of Celebration** Soon and Very Soon 706 (Blue)

* Charge & Benediction

Family of faith, even when we doubt God's presence, even when we fail to notice God's fingerprints in this world, God is always moving closer to us. Hear and believe the good news this Advent season: Nothing can keep God's love away. We are seen. We are forgiven. We are not alone. **Amen. We go to share in God's hope and peace!**