

December 8, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The prophets remind us,

People: To make straight the paths we now walk

Leader: In this Advent season, may we:

People: prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #16 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are often afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, our guilt into rejoicing, for the sake of the one who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent Jesus into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

SECOND READING

Luke 3:1-6

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Turning Back"

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #7

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Eagle River Presbyterian Church - Submit a Prayer](#)

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.

OFFERING

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*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

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Advent Dec. 1- 22
Blue Christmas Service Dec. 17 at 7 pm
Christmas Eve Services
Dec. 24 at 4 & 7 pm
**See pew cards*



Poinsettias and *In Memoriam*

*In honor or memory
of your loved one
this holiday season.*

Sign-up clipboard is in the narthex.
\$20 per plant
