



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Isaiah 2:5)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Let Us Walk....***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **In God's light.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

– Edith Wharton

READ SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

L'Inverno, Op.8 No.4
Jerry Bursch, Clavinova and Bells
Music: Public Domain

by Antonio Vivaldi

WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Cal White

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margie Schriener

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

For in God's house we shall find hope and healing.

In God's house we shall find forgiveness and friendship.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

May peace be within the walls of this house of God.

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.

Come, let us sing our praises to God who loves and redeems us. AMEN.

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v 1-4)

UMH 211

CCLI / Streaming # 1256912 / 20574634

Song # 3063194

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel

2. O come Thou Wisdom from on high
and order all things far and nigh
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go **(Chorus)**

3. O come O come great Lord of might
who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe **(Chorus)**

4. O come Thou Root of Jesse's tree
an ensign of Thy people be
before Thee rulers silent fall
all peoples on Thy mercy call **(Chorus)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Cathy Brocker

First Reader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

*Please rise in body and spirit.

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

Second Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

(Light Candle 1)

(©2025, *umcdiscipleship.org*)

HYMN

Be The Light (verse 1)

Tune: Away in the Manger

Lyrics by Megan Waters, © 2025 Mary Scifres Ministries

Be a light of hope, steady and bright
A promise of dawn in the deep of the night
Share the hope in your heart
Let it banish all fear
The light we exalted
makes God's love appear.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Margie Schriener

God of dawn and mercy, we long for your light to break into our weary night. We yearn for a peace strong enough to still the wars within and around us, a hope bright enough to scatter every shadow of fear, and a love deep enough to mend the rifts between neighbors and nations. Grant us the courage to walk in your ways, the vision to see signs of your peace, and the grace to bear your light in our world. Amen.

(© 2025 Mary Scifres and B. J. Beu for Mary Scifres Ministries)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from

*Please rise in body and spirit.

evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196

CCLI / Streaming # 1256912 / 20574634

Song # 31999

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14 Margie Schriener

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSVue)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

 the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
 and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

 Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

*Please rise in body and spirit.

to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Romans 13:11-14 (NRSVue)

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Living in the Light”

Pastor Cal White

CHORAL RESPONSE

Jesus, Name Above All Names (v-1)

TFWS 2071

CCLI / Streaming # 1256912 / 20574634

Song # 21291

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

*Please rise in body and spirit.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like a ocean in my soul!

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Cal White

*HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

CCLI / Streaming # 1256912 / 20574634
Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through all your loving
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning arr. Wayne L. Wold
Jerry Bursch, Organ

Music: Wayne L. Wold, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, ©1999, Song # AF2019040; Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license # A-741822. All rights reserved

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Bocker
Ushers: Linda Whitney & Mitzi Kerwien
Liturgist: Margie Schriener
Music Director: Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Cal White

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.com/media
Contact the Church Office at 760-347-1046 or office@indioumc.org. Secure online
contributions to the church can be made on our Church App
or at www.indioumc.com/give.

CALENDAR:

November 30– You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

November 30– Youth Group (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.
Contact Margie (youth director) or Melissa for more information.

December 1-5 – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (Link available in weekly
e-news or by contacting the office)

December 2 —Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

December 2—Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM offsite at Members Homes –Contact Howard
Bollinger for more information.

December 3 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

December 3 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

December 4—Charge Conference 6 PM - Zoom with an in-person option at the Church for
those who prefer.

December 7—Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary

December 7 —Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM in the Adult Classroom

December 7 – Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

Stay Connected – Download our App



*Please rise in body and spirit.