

WELCOME		Pastor Beth Snarr
PRELUDE	"An Advent Prayer" <i>Allen Pote</i>	Sadie Court
CALL TO WORSHIP		Steve Kee
On Sundays and Mondays, on good days and bad days, early in the morning and very late at night, here in this room, and out in the world, God, we long for you to break in. Meet us in this space. Surprise us with your presence. Fill this room with your good news. With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!		
HYMN UMH 211 (vss 1, 2, 3, 4, 6) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ¹ O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. <i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.</i> 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. 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. 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. ⁶ O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of the night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.		
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We have seen the valley. We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and still we believe. We believe in a with-us God. We believe in the hope of tomorrow. We believe that good news is louder than fear. We believe this good news is for all people. So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles, even when fear is all around us, we will hold onto that good news. We will reach for each other. We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy. We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born. We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So still, we believe. Amen.		
GLORIA PATRI UMH 70 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.		
PASSING OF THE PEACE		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Donna and Larry Parrish
RESPONSE UMH 254 (refrain) "We Three Kings" O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.		
RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS		
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Call to Advent" <i>arr. Robert Jackson</i>	Chancel Choir
CALL TO PRAYER Take heart. Take heart! The One who calls to you will give you strength and see you through.		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Pastor Harold Hendeson
LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895		
GATHERING SONG UMH 217 (vs 3) "Away In A Manger" Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
SERMON	What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope <i>Luke 1:5-13</i>	Pastor Beth Snarr

