#### **BENEDICTION** (to be sung)

## "In the Bleak Midwinter"

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

†**POSTLUDE** 

"O Come"



- Dana Moody

#221 (Verse 4)



# Oaklette United Methodist Church

"God's Body in this Community" "Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people."

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November 27, 2022 ~ 11:00 A.M. First Sunday of Advent "Be Born in Us Today"

Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Crying Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and direction to these rooms.  $[\dagger] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.$ 

## **PRELUDE** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dana Moody

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

## CENTERING PRAYER AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (responsively)

Pastor: We light the first candle on the Advent wreath as we rejoice in the blessings that have come to us through the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. God told Abraham that through one of his descendants "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). Holy Child of Bethlehem, you were born among us to live and die **People:** and rise in fulfillment of God's promise to bless all nations. The promised descendant of Abraham, Jesus Christ, is a blessing for Pastor: people of all nations who trust in him for salvation. "So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith" (Galatians 3:7-8). Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. Through faith in **People:** your name, Lord Jesus, we have the blessings of forgiveness and salvation!

Today's service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by Amy Weber in memory of her mother.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God by Nancy Helsel in memory of her dear mother, Lou, who would be 100 years old on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

## "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. 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. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
  - 4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, and ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## A CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR ADVENT (in unison)

Almighty God, when the time was right, you fulfilled your promise and sent your Son to be our Savior. Even his holy name—Jesus—means that he came to save his people from their sins. Through faith in our crucified and risen Lord, we have forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life. We are buried with him in Baptism and raised to walk with him in newness of life. Help us, in that new life, to walk in love as Jesus did and to serve you by serving others. When we grow faint and weary in our walk of faith, lift us up and renew our strength in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

### ANTHEM

### "Come Emmanuel"

- Chancel Choir

- Isaiah 40:21-31

### SCRIPTURE READING

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## THE SUNG RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today.We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

## SERMON

#### "Bringing Renewal" - Dr. Tim

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

## **†HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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- Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
- 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
- 4. See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

## **†CLOSING PRAYER** (in unison)

Loving God, we give you thanks for the blessings of this holy Advent season. You are the source of life, of hope, and of all good things. We look forward to the coming of the light of Christ at Christmas. Help us to turn toward that light in our lives. We rejoice at the gift of your Son who taught us to love in your name. May we be people of peace and justice all the days of our lives. Your kingdom come and your will be done now and forever. Amen. PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY Members of the Church Nursery Care Providers: Lisa & Brooks Ryno Lay Reader: Debbie Rippard Organist/Director of Music: Dana Moody Prayer Partner: Lori Hazlett Audio-Visual Operator: Danny Castellow Facebook Live Recorder: Bright Tsevi Greeter: Joanne Rooks Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy D. Hazlett Administrative Assistant: Eileen Ballance Financial Secretary: Edna Bess Costal Virginia Dist. Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Cecelia R. Brooks Resident Bishop, Richmond Area: Bishop Sharma D. Lewis