



11AM | December 3, 2023 | 1st Sunday of Advent

You are invited to join the pastor, on the right side of the altar, for a time of prayer before we begin worship this morning.

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Plainsong/Hayes

Judi Wilkinson, piano

WELCOME

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/

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***OPENING PETITION** (Psalm 11:49-50)

Do not forget Your promise to Your servant;
through it You have given me hope.

This brings me solace in the midst of my troubles:
that Your word has revived me.

***SONG**

Here I Am to Worship

Praise Team

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

***SONG**

He Has Come For Us

Praise Team

SONGS OF THE SAVIOR

Joseph

HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH #196

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 80:1-7

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Matthew 12:18-21

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

***DOXOLOGY**

MESSAGE

Hope: God's Preposterous Promise

Rev. Kim Kinsey

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT AND OFFERING

Tithes & offerings can be mailed to the church office. (524 Thunderbird Dr.)

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HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

UMH #626

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

**we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN

Prepare the Way of the Lord (2x)

UMH #207

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

HYMN

Prepare the Way of the Lord (2x)

UMH #207

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

ANTHEM

Would I Miss The Miracle?

Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dr. Esequiel Meza, organ

You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude.

LAY READER: Paul Wilson