



**11AM | December 10, 2023 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

## **PRELUDE**

Dr. Esequiel Meza, organ

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: [www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/](http://www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/)

See our full list of announcements here: [www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/](http://www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/)

## **\*AFFIRMATION**

My God, in you only do I find the answer to the questions that perplex and confuse me.  
Yet I know that in your good time the answer will be made to me.

## **\*PETITION**

Give me grace, dear God, to live with my questions until you are pleased to make  
the way clear.

## **\*HYMN**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel** (v. 1,2,7)

UMH #211

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

## **SONGS OF THE SAVIOR**

**Mary and Elizabeth**

## **\*HYMN**

**Joy to the World** (v. 1,2,4)

UMH #246

## **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

## **HYMN**

**Prepare the Way of the Lord** (2x)

UMH #207

## **PASTORAL PRAYER & 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

**\*SCRIPTURE READING****Luke 1:5-18**

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

**\*DOXOLOGY****ANTHEM****Your Light Has Come**

Chancel Choir

Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

**MESSAGE****Joy: Nagging Questions**

Rev. Kim Kinsey

**SCRIPTURE READING****Romans 8:18-25 (unison)**

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**GIVING TALK & OFFERING**

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

You may also give electronically on our website at [www.westernhillsep.org/donate](http://www.westernhillsep.org/donate)**\*SONGS****Angels We Have Heard On High  
Go Tell It On the Mountain**

Praise Band

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE****Deck the Halls**

Judi Wilkinson, piano

arr. Chip Davis (Mannheim Steamroller)

*You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude.****LAY READER: Don Haney*****CCLI License # 97095**