# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

# November 29, 2020

# 10:00 AM



#### **Prayer of Preparation**

Eternal God, on this first Sunday of Advent, remind us again how a great light dawned upon our darkness with the birth of the Christ Child. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see, worship, and share this Light of the World. Amen.

Prelude

Linda Clugston, Organ

"Il Est Ne"

**Welcome and Greeting** 

**Neil Trainer** 

Advent Candle

Dan & Sunny Coppin

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from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

ALL: A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

ONE: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;

the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

ALL: And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Song of Praise Emma McAndrew

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

**Prayer of Confession** 

Emily Mitchell

Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;

we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,

the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,

that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us.

Now, in the guiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

### 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

Children's Message

Offering Emma McAndrew

"Don't Be Afraid"

Scripture Presentation Mike & Nancy Bowerman

Luke 1:5-25

Sermon Neil Trainer

"Zechariah's Story"

Pastoral Prayer Emily Mitchell

Song of Sending
"Give To The Winds Your Fears"

Valerie Grissom

**Benediction** Neil Trainer