

Order of Worship

Words for the Beginning - Advent Week 1

December 1, 2024 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Laura Edelbrock and Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

Joel Raney

Welcome

Greeting & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?
Where do we start?

People: Let us begin with the good news!

Let us begin by trusting that we are a blessing, loved by a gracious God.

Let us begin with music and singing!

Let us begin with warmth and welcome. Let us begin with hope.

Leader: Yes, let us begin with hope.

Today we light the candle of hope to shine a light
in a worn and weary world.

People: May this be our foundation. May this be our fresh start.

May this be our new beginning.

Leader: May hope flow forth from here.

People: Amen!

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Affirming God, your first words to creation were words of love.
You looked at this earth and said, "It is good."

People: You spoke affirmations through the prophets.

You spoke blessings over Mary.

You spoke belonging through Christ.

Leader: At every turn, you have reiterated that we are a blessing,
made in your image, held in your love.

People: Forgive us for forgetting this truth.

**Forgive us for measuring our worth by society's measuring stick
instead of yours. We believe. Help our unbelief.
In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Family of faith, hear these words from Isaiah: God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." We are forgiven. We are loved. Let it leave you awestruck.

People: Thanks be to God! May we believe it. Amen.

Children's Message

Anthem

Light of the World

Andrew Bergthold

Praise Band

Ed Cash, Franni Cash

Martin Cash, Scott Cash

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Words for the Beginning: You Are a Blessing

Rev. Wines

Prayer of the People

Offering

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and click "Make your online offering."

Sending Forth

Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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Benediction

Rev. Wines

Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas

Traditional French Carol

Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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