

## PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Concerns

Call to Prayer: **Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

Silent Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

*He Shall Be Called*

Susan Callaway

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Hakbakkuk 3:17-19

(Pew Bible, OT Page 874))

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Joy in the Dark*

Dr. Tim Roberts

1<sup>st</sup> in the series "Finding Joy in the Chaos of Christmas"

## The Love Feast

*As we participate in the traditional Love Feast Service, may the love of Christ be rekindled in each heart.*

The Wesley Unison Prayer

(The following prayer by Charles Wesley was written especially for the Love Feast and recommended for use at all Love Feasts by both John and Charles Wesley.)

**Father of earth and heaven, thy hungry children feed,  
Thy grace be to our spirits given, that true immortal bread.  
Grant us and all our race in Jesus Christ to prove  
The sweetness of thy pardoning grace, the manna of thy love.  
Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and everywhere adored;  
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee.**

Serving of the Meal Begins

The following carols may be sung as the meal is served (found on back page of the bulletin)  
*What Child Is This? O Little Town of Bethlehem While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night*

**A Time of Fellowship and Meal Sharing – Congregation partakes of coffee and buns.**

(Please use this time to greet those around you and then be seated for the collection of cups.)

## The Service of Light

Passing of the Candles

**Morning Star, O Cheering Sight**

Scout Hamby, soloist (Congregation sings words in **bold type**.)

Morning Star, O cheering sight! Ere Thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!

***Morning Star, O cheering sight! Ere Thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!***

Jesus mine, ***in me shine***; In me shine, ***Jesus mine***; ***Fill my heart with light divine.***

Morning Star, thy glory bright Far excels the sun's clear light;

***Morning Star, thy glory bright Far excels the sun's clear light;***

Jesus be, ***constantly***, Constantly, ***Jesus be, More than thousand suns to me.***

\*Lighting of the Candles

\*Closing Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

***Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

*Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing.*

*Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.*

***Refrain***

***(Candles should be raised during this final verse)***

*See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;*

*Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.*

***Refrain***

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Chimes of the Trinity

\*Closing Voluntary

*Postlude on "Gloria"*

Alice Jordan

\*Congregation standing as able

## Carols during the serving of the meal

### What Child Is This?

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping.

**Refrain:** This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

### **Refrain**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

### **Refrain**

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

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 Emmanuel!

### While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,

The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around,

And glory shone around.

“Fear not!” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.

“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all of humankind, to all of humankind.”



## First Sunday of Advent Moravian Love Feast

December 2, 2018

10:55 AM

### ENTRANCE AND PRAISE.

Greetings and Announcements

*(A nursery for young children is located in the Preschool area downstairs. Both members and guests are invited to sign the attendance tear-off section of the bulletin cover and place it in the offering plate.)*

Opening Voluntary

*Prelude on “Veni Emmanuel”*

*Wilbur Held*

\*Chimes of the Trinity

\*Call to Worship

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

**With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

**With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.**

\*Processional Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:** 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. **Refrain**

3. 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. **Refrain**

4. O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. **Refrain**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jeshua, Lauren, Skyler, & Gabriel Jolly

Prayer: **Thank you God for this hope you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to do your will by sharing your hope with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

Advent Song: **A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright, a candle of hope in December's dark night. While angels sing blessing from heavn's starry sky. Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**