

***Doxology**

Hymn #706

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymn #103

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Hymn #518

May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God,
The communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.

*(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word,
and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)*

Postlude

“Lift Up Your Heads”

Paxton

Prayer Concerns: Judy Bright, friend of Henry and Jane Hawk; Bill Conner; Novella Denton, granddaughter of Bo and Pat Denton; Pat Denton; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Henry Hawk; Willene Hudman, sister of Bernice Chapin; Jeff Jensen, brother-in-law of Allyson Jensen; Elizabeth McCain friend of Vicky Phares; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Jeff Pearce, son of Jean Brown; Jake Wiens, friend of Annette Sackhoff, and Buddy Voegele, friend of Herman and Betty Ellis.

- We are in need of volunteers to help with the **Backpack Program** on each Wednesday between now and the Christmas school holiday between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway.
- **The Festival of Nativities** is Sunday, December 3rd with Chili supper from 4-6pm.
- **Little Rock Wind symphony** will have a concert December 7th, 7:30pm, at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, and kids are free. (Our own Laura Deem is a member of symphony.) If you are interested in carpooling from our church parking lot, please call or text Larry Dunn 501-329-4348 prior to December 4th. Let’s support Laura in this endeavor.

1st Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017—10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

Hymn #79

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Smith

***Hymn**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hymn #83

(* please stand, if able)

***Call to Worship**

— based on Psalm 85

Leader: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior, and grant us your salvation. Listen to what the LORD Our God says: He promises peace to his people, who are his beloved saints. The Lord will indeed give what is good.

People: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps. May the LORD make his holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship. May we see God’s face and so know peace.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn**

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Hymn #132

Advent Candle Lighting

The Advent Candle of Hope

The Tucker Family

CLEANSING

Prayer of Confession

O God, we look beyond ourselves, upon a world of false hopes and broken promises, and we are prone to lower our expectations. We look within ourselves, upon mixed motives and wounded hearts, and we are inclined to despair. And yet the good news is sure and worthy of full acceptance: your promise will be fulfilled; your covenant is everlasting; your words will not pass away. Draw near to us; fill us with hope; remind us that the day of the LORD is surely come. Hear us now as we bring our personal confessions to you...
(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 705

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading

Matthew 12:17-21 (p.817)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment

Second Reading

Romans 8:15-25 (p.944)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“The Advent of Hope — 2017”

Rev. Rusty Mosley

***Affirmation of Faith**

“The Apostles Creed”

(See Back of Hymnal)

Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offertory

“Advent Star”

Broughton