

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements Melinda Sciera

*Call to Worship Colleen Hay

Leader: In this season of waiting and hope, we come to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

People: We wait with expectation, for God's promises are true.

Leader: A voice calls out, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

People: We open our hearts to God's light, God's peace, and God's hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who comes to us in love.

People: We worship with joy, for our hope is in the Lord.

*Lighting of the First Candle of Advent Bryan, Melissa, Natalie & Benjamin Michael

*Praise Songs: "Less Like Me" Pre-recorded Praise Band
"Run to the Father"

Prayer Colleen Hay

O God, in the weeks to come our attention to this blessed and holy event, the birth of your son, will be continually distracted.

Help us to remember the true meaning of our joy and excitement. Help us to refocus our minds and hearts on your loving and most precious gift to us, your son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem: "Emmanuel, God with Us" Choir

Children's Moment Pastor Sung Ho Lee

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Leader: Christ is coming!

People: He is the light of the world!

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211 (vv. 1,4)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:3–5

Colleen Hay

³ A voice is crying out:

"Clear the Lord's way in the desert!

Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!

⁴ Every valley will be raised up,
and every mountain and hill will be flattened.

Uneven ground will become level,
and rough terrain a valley plain.

⁵ The Lord's glory will appear,
and all humanity will see it together;
the Lord's mouth has commanded it."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Stress-Free Christmas

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Colleen Hay

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

*Benediction

Postlude