

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10AM BLENDED SERVICE  
DECEMBER 1, 2024**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**GATHERING**

*(Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor)*

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** (UMH#502)      “Thy Holy Wings, O Savior”      Swedish folk tune

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** (Cf. Isaiah 40:2-3)

“We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the straight path of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.”

**ADVENT READING**      Isaiah 40: 1-5      Pew Bible N.T. page 627

**\*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE:** “From the Manger”      Meisenheimer/Hamilton

A quiet town called Bethlehem, A newborn baby falls asleep;  
A bed of hay beneath his head, Immanuel begins to dream.  
For all creation to be fed;  
Hope from the ground, to the breaking of bread.  
From the Manger hope grows; he will be God with us.  
From the manger hope grows: Bread of Life, Jesus.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Heather Connor

**ANTHEM**      **10:00**      “O Come, Emmanuel, Come Soon”      William Byrd  
LUMC Chancel Choir      arr. Hal H. Hopson

**COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS  
THE LORD’S PRAYER #895**

**OFFERTORY:** (UMH#475)      “Come Down, O Love Devine”      R. V. Williams

**\*THE DOXOLOGY: UMH #95**

**\*A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**      Luke 21:25-36      N.T. page 80

**\*GLORIA PATRI: UMH#71**

**WITNESS TO THE WORD**      “Redemption is Drawing Near”      Rev. Mack McDowell

**\*CLOSING HYMN: UMH # 196**      “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE:** (UMH#479)      “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”      J. Parry

\*Please stand as you are able.