We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Please sing stanzas 5 through 7

Hymn No. 88

*Benediction

Organ Postlude

“Noel”
Louis-Claude Daquin

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship.
Please remain seated.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
Sue Hosack, Liturgist

Music Ministry:
Chancel Ringers; Carillon Ringers;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Streaming Host:
Frank Darr

Ushers:
Scott Fargo, Susan Fechter, Annie Littlepage, Sterling Littlepage,
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship. Let us join together in a time of quiet preparation as the music begins.

We Gather to Worship God

Bell Prelude
“Christmas Suite” Arnold Sherman

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love Jim and Pam Cooper

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship
Leader: We come to worship God in this holy season of preparation and anticipation.
People: We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt within our hearts. We come seeking the peace that Christ gives.
Leader: We come to open our hearts to the breath of God’s Spirit, giving us a deeper sense of hope and joy.
People: We come to be encouraged in the journey of faith.
Leader: Let us worship God, empowered by the promise of God’s love.

*Hymn “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” Hymn No. 104

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, you invite us to receive gifts that reflect the wonders of your love. Instead we wonder about other things: whether someone deserves help, whether we’re getting our fair share, whether we can prove ourselves right and another wrong. We let anxieties and fears block the way. Help us to live with hearts that are open to giving and sharing. Help us be willing to see others through your eyes. Empower us with your Spirit so that your light shines more fully through us. It is in the name of your son we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response to Confession “While We Are Waiting, Come” Hymn No. 92

The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers
See the bulletin insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Time with Children

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 865
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Bell Anthem “I Wonder As I Wander” Michael Helman

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Inside Out and Upside Down” Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn “My Soul Gives Glory to My God” Hymn No. 99

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Bell Anthem “Antiphon” Arnold Sherman

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

*Prayer of Dedication