



Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Dennis Alexander

Julie Dean, piano

*Invitation to Worship

Theresa Krebs

one: God says,

all: "Do not be afraid."

one: God says,

all: "I have called you by name."

one: God says,

all: "I will be with you."

one: God says,

all: "You are precious and honored in my sight."

one: At the beginning of this season,

all: at the start of this week,

one: at the top of this hour,

all: may we wrap ourselves in these words.

one: The God of new beginnings helps us begin again.

all: Let us worship Holy God!

*Opening Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

Chalice Hymnal #543

Invocation

Theresa Krebs

Lighting of the Advent Candle

the Reiter family

one: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

all: We begin with the good news!

one: We begin by trusting that we are a blessing, loved by a gracious God.

all: We begin with music and singing!

one: We begin with warmth, welcome, and with hope.

all: Yes, we begin with hope.

one: Today we light the candle of hope to shine a light in a worn and weary world.

all: This light is our foundation.

one: This light is our fresh start. This light is our new beginning.

all: This light causes hope to flow forth from here. Amen!

Response

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Chalice Hymnal #119; v 1

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination	“Be Still”	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Worship & Wonder Scripture	“How the Church Tells Time” <i>a Worship & Wonder story written by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome W. Berryman, based on Leviticus 23:1-4 told in the Sanctuary</i>	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38 (Common English Bible)	Lois Wimpey
Sermon	“You Are a Blessing”	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Special Music	“Daniel’s Song (Elohim)” by Marvin G. Byas IV	Marvin G. Byas IV

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Our 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Response in Song	“Echolocation” by Shaun & Abigail Bengson, known as “The Bengsons”	video
Invitation to Stewardship	<i>If you would like to support the ministries of Overland Park Christian Church and all the ways we are “being church” even now, you can visit our website, www.opccdoc.org to give online, or you may mail your check to our building at 7600 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204.</i>	Lois Wimpey
*Doxology	“Veni Emmanuel Doxology”	
Prayer of Dedication		elder
Invitation to Communion		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Communion Prayer		elder
Words of Institution		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Communion Response	“In Case No One Ever Told You” words by Anna Strickland	

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
*Closing Hymn	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	Chalice Hymnal #433
*Blessing and Benediction		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Postlude	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Cindy Berry	Julie Dean, piano

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