



OVERLAND PARK
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent



Words of Welcome

Barb Collins

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

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one: In a world loud with fear, Christ speaks peace.
*all: **Peace that calms us. Peace that steadies us. Peace that holds us.***
one: The peace of Christ is stronger than the time of Herod.
*all: **And we welcome it into our lives today.***
one: Friends, share the peace of Christ with one another.

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

“O Come O Come Emmanuel” arr. by Dennis Alexander

Julie Dean, piano

*Invitation to Worship

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one: On Sundays and Mondays,
*all: **on good days and bad days,***
one: early in the morning and very late at night,
*all: **here in this room, and out in the world,***
one: God, we long for you to break in.
*all: **Meet us in this space.***
one: Surprise us with your presence.
*all: **Fill this room with your good news. With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!***

*Opening Hymn

“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

Chalice Hymnal #125

Invocation

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Prayer of Illumination "Be Still" Pastor Lisa Engelken

Worship & Wonder Scripture "The Way to Bethlehem"
adapted from the "What Do We Fear" Devotional, devotion for 1st Sunday of Advent, written by Rev. Dr. Boyung Lee
told in the Sanctuary Pastor Lisa Engelken

Lighting of the Advent Candle the Blackburn family

Centering Song "Wait for You (My Heart is Restless)"

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Scripture Luke 1:5-13 (New Revised Standard Version) Sue Elliott
Lamentations 3:55-57 (New Revised Standard Version)

Sermon "In Time, We Hate That Which We Often Fear" Rev. Dr. Jose Martinez,
Minister of New Church Strategies, New Church Ministry,
a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

Special Music "Breath of Heaven" by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant Lisa Wagner-Carollo

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Jose Martinez

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.**

Invitation to Stewardship Sue Elliott

*Doxology "Doxology for Advent (Emmanuel)"

Invitation to Communion elder

Communion Prayer elder

Words of Institution elder

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

*Closing Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Chalice Hymnal #86

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Dr. Jose Martinez

*Postlude "The Holly and the Ivy" arr. by Kenon Renfrow Julie Dean, piano