



OVERLAND PARK
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
There's room for every story

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Words of Welcome

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

Reverberations Bell Choir

"There's a Song in the Air" by Karl P. Harrington, arr. Frances L. Callahan

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" traditional French carol, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

*Invitation to Worship

Katherine Ann Haggard

one: Beloveds, pay attention. For the Holy Arrival comes at an unexpected hour.

*all: **The in-breaking of love is a mysterious encounter.***

one: With hope, we remember that salvation is near.

*all: **With hope, we prepare for the advent of God.***

*one: From generation to generation, God has brought, and continues to bring,
Good News of love and compassion, justice and community.*

*all: **We worship, rest, and abide in that Good News!***

*Opening Hymn

"All Earth Is Waiting"

Chalice Hymnal #139; vv 1,3,4

Invocation

Katherine Ann Haggard

Advent Candle Lighting

"Come, Lord Jesus Come" by Joel Raney

OPCC Choirs

one: Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope

*all: **We wait and hope for the One who brings light to the darkness.***

one: Advent is a time to remember that God's love extends to all generations, and all people.

*all: **We wait and hope for the One who brings justice.***

one: Advent is a time to renew our determination.

*all: **We wait and hope for the One who brings righteousness.***

one: Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

*all: **We wait and hope for the One who brings peace.***

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Worship & Wonder Scripture "The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem" Judy Nickum
a Children Worship & Wonder story written by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman
adapted by J. Richard Gibson, based on Isaiah 9:2 and John 1:5
(told in the Children Worship & Wonder room)

Scripture Matthew 1:1-17 (New Revised Standard Version updated edition) Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5 (New Revised Standard Version updated edition) Katherine Ann Haggard

Sermon Rev. Emily Stirewalt
SilverLink Pastor, The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Chuck Pickrel

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 "Through the Ages" by Anna Strickland

Invitation to Stewardship Nancy Phipps
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*Doxology "What Child Is This Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Communion Response "We Come Now to the Table" by Beth Quick

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Nancy Phipps

*Closing Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Chalice Hymnal #140; vv 1-3

*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Chuck Pickrel

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

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