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**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

*Please make sure you have registered your attendance with us on the sign-in sheet in the hallway.  
 If you are a guest or visitor with us, be sure to pick up our newsletter, The OPCC Scene,  
 or see our website for current event, activity, opportunity, and contact information here at OPCC.*

**COVID-19 Protocols**

*Please social distance from people who are not in your household. Face masks must be worn the entire time you are at OPCC, except for when actively taking communion. Our worship leaders are permitted to sing and speak without masks. Our complete "Returning to OPCC Covenant" is available in the church entryway and on our website at [www.bit.ly/opccInPerson](http://www.bit.ly/opccInPerson)*



**For those with children...**

*We welcome the sounds and movements of little ones that remind us God is moving in our midst!  
 Please make yourself comfortable in the Sanctuary, and/or in our family-friendly worship space in the Overflow Room. For a more engaging worship, there are family activity boxes available for each household.  
 If you do not find a box with your family name on it, please feel free to use a guest box.  
 Children of all ages are always welcome in Sanctuary worship, however we also have available our staffed Nursery for children through 3 years old, as well as Children Worship & Wonder.  
 The Nursery and the Children Worship & Wonder room are located in the northeast hallway.*



**Homesick**  
 First Sunday of Advent

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

**THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence**

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

*you may respond: **And also with you.***

Prelude to Worship

"All Earth Is Hopeful" arr. Curt Oliver

Julie Dean, piano

Invitation to Worship

Rev. Peggy Moore

*one: Can one be homesick for something you've never known?*

*all: **We are homesick for a just world, for peace like rivers, for the end of suffering.***

*one: Yes, we are homesick—*

*all: **for joy that is contagious, for nations that feel like neighbors,  
 and for hospitals that run empty.***

*one: We are homesick for the world God promises.*

*all: **We are homesick, but we are on our way.***

*one: God is here. God is still creating.*

*all: **Let us worship Holy God.***

Opening Hymn

"All Earth Is Waiting"

Chalice Hymnal #139

Invocation

Rev. Peggy Moore

Prayer Response

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture "The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem"

a Children Worship & Wonder story by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman, based on Isaiah 9:2 and John 1:5

*Children 3 years and older are invited to go with our CW&W storyteller at this time to the  
Children Worship & Wonder Room for the Children Worship & Wonder story.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Lindsey and Tina Dempsay

Song of Response

"When God Is a Child"

Chalice Hymnal #132; v 1

**THE WORD** – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Scripture

Luke 21:25-36 (Common English Bible)

Wayne Moore

Sermon

"Homesick"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Special Music

"Homeward Bound" by Marta Keen, arr. Jay Althouse

Chalice Chancel Choir

**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.**

Song of Response

"Wherever You Are" by Nathan & Becky Bliss

video

Invitation to Stewardship

Wayne Moore

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we are "being church" even now, you may give on our website [www.opccdoc.org](http://www.opccdoc.org) by scanning  
this QR code, or by dropping a check or cash in the glass-paneled box in the entry hallway.*



Doxology

"What Child Is This Doxology" tune & refrain: Chalice Hymnal #162

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"

Chalice Hymnal #122

**SENDING FORTH** – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Closing Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Chalice Hymnal #140

Blessing and Benediction

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude

"Carol of the Bells" arr. Edwin McLean

Julie Dean, piano

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