

**Traditional Worship Order**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 2, 2018**

The time before worship is a time for fellowship and preparation. We invite you to greet one another and enjoy each other's company in the narthex or in the sanctuary, yet be respectful of the quiet others appreciate. Thank you for turning off/silencing cell phones. Our ushers are prepared to assist you in any way. Welcome!

\* You are invited to stand as you are able.

***Prelude***

Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during Prayers of the People.

***Greeting:*** The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

\* ***Call to Worship***

Leader: The Lord will fulfill all the promises given to God's people.

**All: Praise be to God.**

Leader: The days are coming when all shall be revealed.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The signs of God's Good News are all around us.

**All: The darkness has overshadowed them.**

Leader: God will bring to us a new light for all generations.

**All Open our eyes, Lord, to see your promises fulfilled.**

***Lighting the Advent Wreath – The Candle of Hope (see insert for response)***

\* ***Opening Hymn***                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*                      #211, Vs. 1-4

\* ***Opening Prayer***

**God of all hopefulness bring hope to our weary days. Grant us the patience to watch and wait for signs of your presence. Brighten our steps and show us the way, so that we find courage as we wait for you with hope. Amen.**

\* ***Welcoming Our Guests and Passing the Peace of Christ***

***Receiving God's Tithes, Additional Offerings and Mission Collection***

Week One – Toys for Tots: Please bring your new, unwrapped toy forward to the communion rail during the Offertory. Next week: Please bring hand & foot warmers and hoodies adult sizes M-2XL, new or gently used for AHTN.

***Offertory***                      *Make Room*                      Ryan Fleming

\* ***Doxology***                      #95

***Offertory Prayer***

**Even as we wait for Christmas, we know it's not too early to share the hope of the season. As we bring our gifts this day, transform them into gifts of hope for a world in need of these gifts. Amen.**

***Community Connections***

Please see the church schedule for the week on the 4-page insert and note important items. Those wishing to inquire about other services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, getting confirmed, or having a child baptized, should contact Sandy in the church office Mon.-Fri., between the hours of 2pm-6pm. For all other questions and information, please call the office during regular business hours 9:00 AM–1:00 PM and 2:00 PM-6:00 PM, Mon - Fri.

\* ***Hymn***                      *In the Bleak Midwinter*                      #221

***Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer***                      #895

***Scripture Lessons***                      Luke 21:25-36                      Pg.746

***Video***                      *How Will the World End*

***Sermon***                      *"Looking for the Fig Tree"*                      Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts

***The Sacrament of Holy Communion (See insert)***

Today, we will receive by intinction in a line. As the ushers direct you, please come forward and receive a piece of bread from the server. Dip it into the cup, eat it, and then return to your seat. Any gifts to the pastor's discretionary fund may be brought forward and placed into the plates at the front. All who would respond to Christ's invitation are welcome to receive communion in the United Methodist Church.

\* ***Closing Hymn***                      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*                      #213

\* ***Benediction***

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by

**People: Bringing People to Christ,  
Growing People in Christ,  
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\* ***Blessing and Sending***

\* ***Postlude***                      *All are invited to the welcome center for coffee!*

*The white carnation on the altar is in memory of James (Jim) Kennedy, who went home to the Lord on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Jim's Memorial Service will be at 11am on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Beck Givnish, viewing at 10am.*

**Contemporary Worship  
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**Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Candle of Hope (see insert for response)**

**Opening Praise**      *Our God (w/O Come All Ye Faithful), Glory (Let There be Peace)*      Praise Band

**Welcoming Our Guests and Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Receiving God's Tithes, Prayers, Additional Offerings and Mission Collection**

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**Offertory**                      *Come, Emmanuel!*                      Sanctuary Choir

**Community Connections**

**Children's Message and Dismissal to Children's Church**

Children are invited upstairs with the message presenter and at least one other adult to experience "kid-friendly" worship. Parents are welcome to follow to ease any concerns you or your child may have. They will return to the sanctuary during the final song.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Lesson**                      *Luke 21:25-36*

**Video**                                      *How Will the World End*

**Sermon**                                      "Looking for the Fig Tree"                      Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**                      *This Christmas Love* – Praise Band

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**Closing Praise**                      *Light Of the World*                      Praise Band

**Statement of Mission and Sending Out**



**Emilie United Methodist Church!**

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Bringing people to Christ,

Growing People in Christ

Serving People for Christ

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