

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Men Rejoice

arr. Wilbur Held

We are glad to be able to worship together today.
We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship
in the Gathering Space following the service.

Thank You for Volunteering Your Service Today

GREETERS

Outside	Greg & Jacqui Pridgeon
Inside	Volunteers Needed

USHERS

Linda Traum
Linda Doerr
Bill & Arlene Dunham

LITURGIST

Bruce Kilmer

COFFEE HOSTS

David & Loretta Lopez

**Next Sunday, December 10, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent**

Pastor Diane Gordon preaching

Sermon Series: Coming Home
Sermon Title: Home is where We Meet

Text: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

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First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

**Those who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

PRELUDE

Angels Carol
Genesis Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE COATS

*(Please take a moment to sign the welcome pad and
pass it to others in the pew.)*

*OPENING HYMN

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates No. 213

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-9 NRSV

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

All (sung) **“O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.”**

Reader 1: God of justice and peace, healing and comfort, we see all that is wrong and wonder where you are.

Reader 2: We are a broken people, unable to work together for our common good. We cannot see or hear each other even within our own families and communities.

Reader 3: We are a suffering world, our nations are filled with conflict and violence. The fragile earth cries out with longing for redemption.

All: **We, God’s people, long for God’s presence, saying with the prophet: “If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!” (Isaiah 64:1 CEB)**

Reader 1: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us of our longing that God will come into the world, bringing justice and peace, comfort and healing

All (sung): **“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee , O Israel.”**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

No. 348

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Chancel Choir

arr. David Schwoebel

THE MESSAGE

Coming Down Home

Pastor Diane Gordon

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Ray Hunt

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

No. 12-15

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

A TIME OF OFFERING *(Ushers will collect your purple prayer requests in the offering plate.)*

Invitation

Offertory

Love Came Down at Christmas

Genesis Bells

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

(Loose coins will go to Goodrow Fund)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

No. 196

*BENEDICTION