

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 29, 2026

"Hope of all the earth thou art"

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

—Glory to God #82

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Worship Notes: Worshipers are asked to join in the sections marked in **bold**. The *asterisk invites all who are able to stand. And, as always, please silence your cell phones.

*Gathering Music Sing-A-Long

Selections from Hymns #82-158

Prelude
Laurel Sanders, organ

Meditation on DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Michael McCabe (b. 1941)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church
Rev. Dr. Mike Morgan

Pulpit Pitch
Matthew Thompson

Introit
WPC Chancel Choir

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Veni Emmanuel
Arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

***Call to Worship**
Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Once again, praise God, we celebrate the coming of Christ.

Because He came, we can boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

Even in the midst of our failures and afflictions, hope does not disappoint, but produces character and more hope.

Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 105**
Verses 1, 2, & 4

People, Look East
[BESANCON]

*Confessions of the Body of Christ

Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

God of infinite love, we confess the sin of our separation from you. We have not called on you; we have not listened for your call to us; nor have we attempted to earnestly embrace you. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father, we are the work of your hand, and you have never forsaken us. Forgive us O God. Remind us of your coming and help us become the loving community in which your reign is acknowledged and your purposes are served, we pray. Amen.

*Silent Individual Confession

*Declaration of Pardon

*Sung Response

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Let us extend God's peace to one another with these ancient words:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming the Word

Lighting of the 1ST Advent Candle—*Hope*

Con Howe & Kathryn Welch Howe

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

Anthem — **The Lamb**
John Tavener (1944-2013)

First Lesson — **Romans 5:1–5; N.T., page 145**
Geenger Gallardo

Anthem — **Still, Still, Still**
Austrian Carol
Arr. Norman Luboff (1917-1987)

Choral Call to Prayer

Verse 1: Choir
Verse 2: Congregation may join

Hear Our Prayer
Music: Dan Redfeld (b. 1970)
Lyrics: Christina Harding & John Gabriel Koladziej

Lord, incline thine ear;
Listen to our prayer -
Draw your children near
And hold us in your care.
Incline thine ear and hear
our prayer. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Paula Mann

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 355

Verses 1, 2, & 4

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord
[VINEYARD HAVEN]

Second Lesson

Isaiah 64:1–9; O.T., page 652

Meditation

Hope Is Not Finished Yet

Bearing the Word Into the World

*Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
[HYFRYDOL]

Tithes & Offerings

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*Benediction

Response

Gaudete
Traditional Carol
Arr. Brian Kay (b. 1944)

Postlude

Variations on "O Come, Divine Messiah"
Tune: 16th c. French noel
Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

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Coffee Fellowship

Following worship, please join us for fellowship on the Side Porch for refreshments. We invite you to take a turn sponsoring the fellowship hour! You can select your sponsorship date on the Bulletin Board after worship or on our website at westwoodpres.org.



Parking

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