

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RINGING OF THE BELL – GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE – “Veni Emmanuel”

12th Century Plainsong

INTROIT - “There Is Something About that Name”

W. McDowell

WELCOME

CENTERING PRAYER (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Take from us all weariness of spirit. Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy through Christ our Lord, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

O come, O come, Immanuel, ***And be light for our darkness.***
Be comfort in our grief, ***A guide for our path.***
Be a friend for our loneliness, ***An oasis for our searching.***
O come, O come, Immanuel, ***Restore our joy,***
Heal our wounds, ***Bring us peace.***

*HYMN – “All Earth is Waiting”

blue hymnal No. 139

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Sourcebook of Worship Resources)

God of blessing and love, when the time was right you sent your Son to the world. Forgive us for making this holy season of anticipation a whirlwind of lists and activities, a flood of joyless obligations and heartless generosity. Forgive our rush as we forgive those who rush past us. Lead us not into anxiety, but deliver us from pretense. For your kingdom is coming with the power of love and the glory of angelic choirs, now and forever, heralded in the birth of Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Seth & Enid Crowell

RESPONSE (blue hymnal No. 134) “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

ANTHEM - “An Advent Credo”

J. M. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 64:1-9

Bible p. 606

SERMON ***“Watch, Wait, Hope”***

Rev. Terry Martinson

OFFERING – “Christmas is Coming”

J. Raney

*DOXOLOGY (blue hymnal No. 46)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

blue hymnal No. 588

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Chalice Worship)

God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your servant Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings life eternal.

We praise you for giving us all good gifts, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

*HYMN – “Christians All, Your Lord is Coming”

blue hymnal No. 136

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE – “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

C. Wesley

POSTLUDE – “And the Glory of the Lord...”

G. F. Handel

***Please stand as you are able...**

We welcome guests to our worship today. Please sign one of our guest books located at the entrances to the sanctuary. We hope that you will share in the fellowship time following worship. Please take a red cup if you are visiting today. If you would like more information about Dennis Union Church, please fill out a guest card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Crib Room: For your convenience, our **CRIB ROOM** is located directly off the sanctuary.

OUR OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF WELCOME

Believing that everyone is a child of God, it is with joy, and in the love of Christ, that we welcome all persons into the full life, ministry and mission of Dennis Union Church. We choose not to turn away anyone whom Christ would welcome. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person including, but not limited to, people of every race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, family structure or economic circumstance. We celebrate God’s creative love shown in the wide diversity of humanity and the unique gifts each of us brings to the world. It is our intention to love one another as Christ has loved us.

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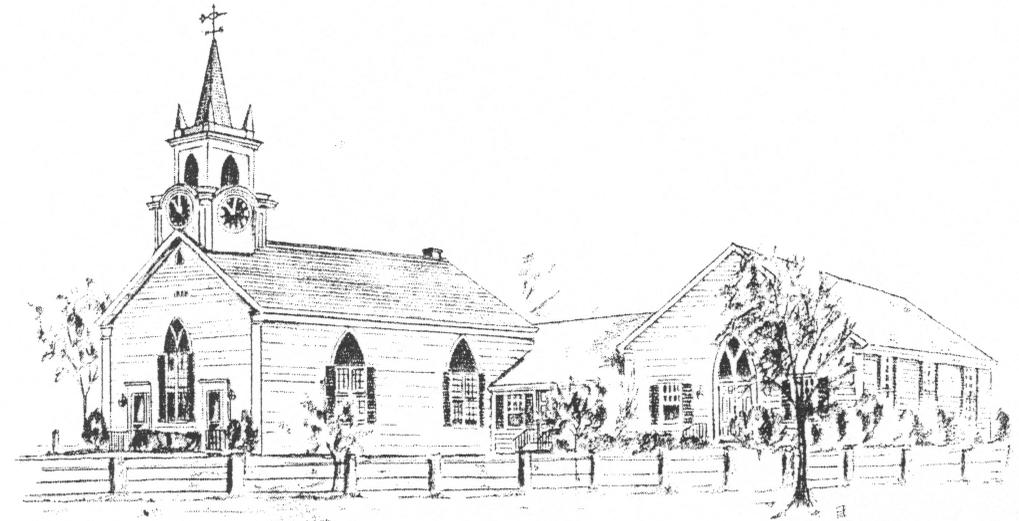
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With Jesus as our anchor and compass, God bids us to be a blessing in the world.

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