

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church Onancock, VA
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December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

Prelude

Welcome

Congregational Opening: # 9 O Come, O Come Emmanuel v.1

Call to Worship

L: Tonight we celebrate the one moment, the one birth, and the one life that forever changed the world!

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel

L: Because you came to us, we have experienced the ultimate hope to combat even the darkest moments.

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel

L: Because you came to us, we have seen the fullness of love to the highest degree.

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel

L: Because you came to us, we have seen the face of peace in its purest form.

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel

L: Tonight, we celebrate your birth that unleashes hope, love, peace, and joy into the world from now until the day of your return.

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Unison prayer: **Gracious God, your Spirit has led us throughout the days and nights of our Advent journey. Thank you for opening our eyes to see more of your presence in our world and in our lives. We rejoice in your ultimate gift of sending a Savior who has taught us the fullness of what hope, love, peace and joy are all about. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Amen.**

Opening Hymn #41 O Come All Ye Faithful

Lessons and Carols

Adam & Eve disobey God Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19
Hymn # 9 O Come, O Come Emmanuel v. 2

God's Promise to Abraham Genesis 22:15-18
Hymn # 9 O Come, O Come Emmanuel v. 3

A Great Light in the Darkness Isaiah 9:2-7
Hymn #38 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear v.1, 4

A Little Child Shall Lead Them Isaiah 11:1-9

Children Animals everywhere

Mary's Baby is Born Luke 2:1-7
Hymn #25 Away in a Manger

Meditation Our Hope is Come!
Offering

The Shepherds and the Angels
Hymn #58 While Shepherds watched their Flocks by Night v. 1,2

And the Word Became Flesh John 1:1-14
Hymn #53 What Child is This?

The Lord's Supper

Invitation
Institution
Communion

Lighting of candles
Hymn #60 Silent Night v.1,2,3

Dismissal & Chiming of the Bells

Christmas Returns

Christmas returns, as it always does, with its assurance that life is good.

It is the time of lift to the spirit,

When the mind feels its way into the commonplace,
And senses the wonder of simple things: an evergreen tree,
Familiar carols, merry laughter.

It is the time of illumination,

When candles burn, and old dreams
Find their youth again.

It is the time of pause,

When forgotten joys come back to mind, and past
dedications renew their claim.

It is the time of harvest for the heart,

When faith reaches out to mantle all high endeavor,
And love whispers its magic word to everything that

breathes.

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-Howard Thurman, *The Mood of Christmas & Other Celebrations*

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“Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.” Micah 6:8

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