

You are the God of peace
when all around is fear.
You are the God of joy
when all around is sadness.
You are the God of love
when all around is hatred.
You are the God of hope
when all around is despair.

Grant us a willingness
to speak out for the weak
and vulnerable.
Grant us a readiness
to point out the corrupt
and indefensible.

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Thank you for your service to the Church!

Rooted in Christ; growing in faith, we go out to serve the world.

LAWSON UNITED CHRISTIAN & PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 2, 2018~1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 AM
The Community of Faith, Hope, Love Gathers For Worship

MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE PEW

“Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” -Luke 21:28

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jana Bailey
SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

CHILDRENS MOMENT No. 113
“Jesus Loves Me”

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Leader: “May the peace of Christ be with you.”
Response: “And also with you.”

PRELUDE
“Come O Long Expected Jesus”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Jana Bailey

Leader: *Christ we sit in darkness, but you are our light. We long for your coming into our hearts, into our lives, and into our world.*

People: **You are the One for whom all the peoples of the earth wait. Our world has been shaken by fire and earthquake and storm; Our security has been shaken by bombings and wars and uncertainty.**

Leader: *We wait in anticipation expecting God’s light to penetrate our darkness and radiate within us.*

People: **In the midst of our doubts and our insecurities we are reminded that you are never shaken. Your faithfulness reaches to the ends of the earth.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 119
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Cinthia Molini
PRAYER HYMN No. 420
“I Come with Joy”

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Cinthia Molini

LORD’S PRAYER Unison
(using debts and debtors)

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 111
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

THE CALL TO STEWARDSHIP Jana Bailey

THE OFFERTORY
“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

***GIVE THANKS** No. 528

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jana Bailey

SCRIPTURE Jana Bailey
Jeremiah 33: 14-16

SERMON Rev. Cinthia Molini
“Yearnings”

HYMN OF COMMUNION No. 452
“Here I Am Lord”

COMMUNION MEDITATION
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING
DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE



***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 677
“Let There Be Peace”

POSTLUDE
“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

**Indicates to please stand if you are able*