

Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church

Imitating Christ Together



November 30, 2025

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First Sunday of Advent**8:30 AM****Liturgist:** Ellen Follmann**Ushers:** Jon O'Connell, Rollin Kring, Ray Adler, Frank Vetovec**Acolyte:** Calvin Schoenenberger**Altar Flowers:** Bonnie Lil

*Please sign the registration pad found at the end of your pew***Please stand as you are able***GATHERING****Announcements, Welcome, and Greetings****Prelude**

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

arr. Smith

Pastoral Greeting**Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley****Lighting of the Advent Candle****Jeff and Marty Schmidt****Sung Response**

One Candle is Lit

CRADLE SONG

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

*** Call to Worship**

In every place we gather — in sanctuaries, living rooms, kitchens, and classrooms

God is with us. Emmanuel, you make every space holy.

When our homes feel peaceful or when they feel chaotic,

God is with us. Emmanuel, you bring comfort and courage.

When we sit at tables, walk through doorways, or rest at night,

God is with us. Emmanuel, you bless the ordinary moments of our lives.

Come, let us welcome the One who makes a home in our hearts.

We worship you, Emmanuel — God with us, here and now.

***Hymn 211 vs 1-4**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*** Opening Prayer:**

Holy Emmanuel, God who chooses to dwell among us, enter the homes of our hearts today. Make every room a place of grace, every table a place of blessing, and every doorway a place where love comes and goes freely. As You were born into an ordinary home in Bethlehem, be born again in us. Let Your presence shape our words, our relationships, and our daily living. Come, Lord Jesus — make Your home with us. Amen.

***Hymn 204**

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Special Music

“Ding! Dong! Merrily On High”

arr. Helvey

Men’s Choir, Bill Follmann, Director, Pianists: Abbey Harkins and Sarah Feil

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)

Psalms 90:1-2 (NIV)

Response

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 217

“Away in A Manger”

Sermon

“Emmanuel, God is with us: At Home”

Rev. Dr. Matt Hadley

OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

“Peace (Hope) Has Come”

Hastings/Simmons/Fielding

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***Offertory Hymn 221 vs 4** “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Offertory Response:

Generous Emmanuel, you meet us right where we live. Receive these gifts, given from our homes and from our hearts. Use them to bring shelter to the weary, warmth to the lonely, and hope to all Your children. Make this offering a sign that You dwell among us still — God with us, God within us, God working through us. Amen.

***Hymn 196**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Prayers of the People

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.

***Hymn 213**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

As you go from this place, may you know that Christ walks through every doorway with you.

Emmanuel, go with us.

May your home — whatever its shape, size, or season — become a dwelling place of peace.

Emmanuel, grant us your peace.

May your table be a place of blessing, and your conversations filled with grace.

Emmanuel, guide our words and actions.

And may the One who makes His home among us fill your heart with light and hope.

Amen! Emmanuel, God is with us — at home and everywhere.

*The worship is over,
Let the service begin!*

Postlude

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

arr. Curry

All are Welcome!

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling Congregation. Therefore, we embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ’s call for compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome into our faith community persons of every race, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, political affiliation, level of education, and family structure.

We believe we can all love alike, even if we don’t think alike.

We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow in faith and love.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we are glad you are here!