

First Presbyterian Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Service of Memory and Hope
December 15, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome

The Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

Come, let us worship the One whose name is Compassion.
Let us worship the One who brings comfort and peace.
Let us worship the One who counts and collects our tears.
Let us worship the One who knows our struggles and pain.
Let us worship God, whose love shines in the darkness,
and the darkness will never put it out.
Let us worship, let us remember, let us hold onto hope.

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(verses 1 and 6)

(Glory to God, 88)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Reflection on Memory

Music

Once in Royal David's City

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:25, 28-31

Reflection on Hope

Call to Prayer

While We Are Waiting, Come

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

Love Has Come
(verses 1 and 3)

(Glory to God, 110)

*Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

*Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*

Charge and Blessing**Postlude**

Participating in the service:

Rev. Annette Flynn

Rev. Sharon Youngs

Alvin Blount (organ/piano)

Anne Marie Hundzinski Scott (vocal)

