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WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 - 11:00 AM
ADVENT 3

*"I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Sleep, Little Jesus* Polish Carol~Arr. Presten
Still, Still, Still Austrian Carol~Hymn 124
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Trad. Polish Carol
Hymn 128

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the Friendship Pads located in each pew.)

Call of the Prophet **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

The Advent Wreath Litany: Open Us Up to Your Coming

ALL (sing): *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.*

At every beginning there is a yearning for the One who is coming.

Oh Emmanuel,
Open us up to your coming.

We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped by God's promises.

Oh Emmanuel,
Open us up to your coming.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!

The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Congregation is invited to stand.**

We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer predicated on our carefully reasoned fear. Oh Emmanuel,
Open us up to your coming.

We find a new receptivity within us that desires God's will over our own will and relies on God's justice and mercy to accomplish it. Oh Emmanuel,
Open us up to your coming.

Jesus, we welcome your presence now, with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter, and fills this place with the glow of hope.

ALL (sing) *O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree,
An ensign of Thy people be;
Before Thee rulers silent fall;
All peoples on Thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Lessons of the Season

Children's Message

5-Cents-a-Meal-Offering

Reading Isaiah 12:2-6

Anthem *A Simple Stable* N. Price/D. Besig

Reading Luke 3:7-18

Message **"Open Us"** Rev. Kate Rascoe