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WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018 - 11:00 AM
ADVENT 4

*"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 *A Medley of Four French Carols* J. Mansfield
What Child Is This Hymn 145
Angels From the Realms of Glory Hymn 143

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call of the Prophet Micah 5:2-5a

The Advent Wreath Litany: Surprise Us By 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,
Surprise us by your coming.

We gather together to re-orient our lives with God's good news.

Oh Emmanuel,
Surprise us by 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 all the world will see the sign that God is with us.

Oh Emmanuel,
Surprise us by your coming.

We are shocked by how God comes close, even at this very moment.

Oh Emmanuel,
Surprise us by 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 Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Lessons of the Season

Children's Message

Reading Psalm 80:1-7

Anthem *One Small Babe* M Beall/J. Althouse

Reading Luke 1:39-55

Message "Surprise Us" Rev. Kate Rascoe