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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 30, 2025 *Continuing God's Story Together* "Let this little message be but a reminder, and I will continue with the story." 2 Maccabees 6:17

Worship Participants

Deacon: Paula McQuaid

Welcomers: Dave Osowski, Paula McQuaid

Reader: Abby Marino

Announcer: Chelsey Helmke

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude Every Moment Emmanuel (lyrics)

Welcome Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Opening Song O Come, All You Unfaithful

Opening Prayer Written by Ana Gobledale, Zambia (unison)

Deacon

God, we gather in this place
Home for our souls.
Here we sense our true selves
Renewed in wholeness;
Scattered, now gathered in.
Fragments re-united, re-connected
Standing on solid ground
Upheld by faith
Renewed by love
We open ourselves to you.

Song I Wonder

Advent Wreath Lighting ~ Hope

One: There is a community gathered in the story we share.

All: A story of connectedness, of interdependency that is life-giving and life-sustaining.

One: A story that pushes us beyond our fears. That dares us to wonder.

All: There is a community gathered in the story we share.

One: A story of yearning, mystery, and hope.

All: It's a story for each and every generation.

One: As we light this first Advent candle of hope, may we stand in wonder of this moment.

Sung Response

Every moment, Emmanuel Every heartbreak, Emmanuel Every nightfall, Emmanuel

God is still speaking, God is still here

Scripture: Luke 1:1-4 (NRSVUE)

Today's reading is from Luke chapter 1:

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I, too, decided, as one having a grasp of everything from the start, [a] to write a well-ordered account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in which you have been instructed.

May God bless this reading and our understanding.

God's Stories Rev. Jennie Valentine

Message for All Ages Rev. Jennie Valentine

Sermon Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Song In Remembrance of Me Hymn #403

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Our Father/Mother/Creator,

who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen

Offering

Invitation

Song Come, O Long-expected Jesus Hymn #125

Dedication

Send Forth SongJesus, Light of the World

Benediction Rev. Tina Walker-Morin

Announcements

Postlude