

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 2023 — 11 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Dr. Gregg Bunn, organ

A WORD OF WELCOME Rev. Casey Orr

INROIT “For Unto Us” Dennis Allen & Nan Allen
Agape Choir; Cindy Finch, piano; Carol Dickerson, director

ADVENT WREATH LITANY: THE CANDLE OF PEACE

CALL TO PRAISE “One Voice” The Wailin’ Jennys
Ashton Gibbs, Julie Morgan, & Gigi Johns, soloists; Chancel Choir

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 238** “Angels We Have Heard on High” **GLORIA**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***GLORIA PATRI 70** “Glory Be to the Father” **MEINEKE**

BAPTISMAL COVENANT Dr. Davis Chappell and Rev. Casey Orr
Margaret James Davis, daughter of Sarah Jordan & Brian Davis

***RESPONSE HYMN 611** “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” **STUTTGART**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Mike Coggin

ACT OF PRAISE “A Christmas Portrait” arr. Mark Hayes
JoySound Orchestra; Ryan Jones, director

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Casey Orr

*SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 40:1-11 (NRSV)

SERMON “The Comfort Zone” Dr. Davis Chappell

OFFERING Rev. Casey Orr

OFFERTORY “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” arr. Taylor Davis
Chancel Choir; Patsy Wade, piano; Ryan Jones, director

***DOXOLOGY 94** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Dr. Davis Chappell

***CLOSING HYMN 196**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir; Dr. Gregg Bunn, organ; Ryan Jones, director

POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

arr. John Ferguson

Dr. Gregg Bunn, organ

**stand as you are able*

Paraments: The color purple is a sign of royalty and welcomes the Advent of the King.

Acolyte: Asoka Talafuse & Declan Meeker

The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Carol Spining given by her husband, Bill Spining, and family.

SERMON REFLECTION

1. What are my biggest take-aways from the sermon?

2. What is God teaching me?

3. What from the sermon can I apply to my life this week?

4. When did I feel most uplifted?

5. When did I feel most unsettled?
