

# **GOD GATHERS US**

## **Preparation for Worship**

*This is Advent, the season of promise. In our worship we prepare for the birth of a baby in a dusty stable in Bethlehem, and remind ourselves that this child will become the Savior of the world, who will return again in power and glory to draw all his children together with songs of everlasting praise. The promise of the baby is also the promise of eternal life to all who believe.*

**Prelude**      Irby  
                    *arr. Candlyn*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Lighting of Advent Wreath: Hope**      *Ruolin Yang and Li Dolly Dong*

**Opening Hymn #9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

## **Call to Confession**

**Moment of Silent Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri #579**

**Invitation to Offering: Loud Sunday to Benefit Safe Haven**

# **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Worship Video**

**Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:21-29**

**Sermon**      *God Hopes Too*  
Pastor Matt Lewis

## **WE RESPOND**

**A Time of Prayer, Reflection, and Ministry**

**\*Hymn of Response #2** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Prayers of the People**

## **GOD SENDS US**

**\*Closing Prayer/Sending**

**\*Blessing**

**\*The Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you.  
*And also with you!*

**Postlude**

*\*Please stand, as able*