



**First Presbyterian**  
Maumee  
LOVE FIRST

## **November 28, 2021, 10:45 Traditional Service**

Called by God, Blessed to Serve: God's Presence Brings Life

*First Sunday of Advent*

Prelude "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Bedford

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Tolbert

Prelude "Shall We Gather Together"  
*Don Diller, piano* arr. Don Diller

### **GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER**

\*Call to Worship (*Psalm 105:1-3*) Pastor Armstrong

One: Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.

**All: Let the whole world know what he has done.**

One: Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

**All: Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.**

One: Exult in his holy name;

**All: Rejoice, you who worship the Lord.**

\*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5) No. 473

### **WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD**

\*Call to Confession Pastor Armstrong

\*Prayer of Confession

One: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. So often we worship other gods in the form of money, power, greed, and convenience. We tend to look for comfort and hope in earthly possessions and relationships. We look to serve our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We do not always love our neighbor as you have commanded.

**All: Forgive us, gracious God. Bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord.**

*(Silence for personal confession.)*

\*Assurance of Pardon

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

\*Passing of the Peace Pastor Armstrong  
One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

**\*Response** **Gloria Patri** **No. 579**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination Pastor Armstrong

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 p. 785

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Hope for the Future" Pastor Tolbert

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*from Psalm 130 & Romans 15*)

One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

**All: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.**

One: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

**All: Jesus is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

*(Lighting of the first candle)*

**All: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

## WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

**Response** **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (v. 1)** **No. 9**  
*(Please remain seated)*

Prayers for God's People & the Lord's Prayer Pastor Tolbert

Moment for Mission Pastor Armstrong

Offering Pastor Tolbert

**\*Hymn** **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"** **No. 9**

## GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN

\*Charge and Blessing Pastor Tolbert

\*Response

\*Postlude "Jubilee" Binckes

## **Worship Leaders Today**

Senior Pastor: Clint Tolbert

Assistant Pastor: Jason Armstrong

Organist: Wayne Whitten

Hymn Leaders: Heather Oertel, Judy Setterberg, Crawford Strunk, Don Diller

Tech Team: Steven Woodruff, Christian Bush, Bill Woodruff

## **Offering**

Please make your tithes and offerings for the work of the church by giving as you depart the sanctuary, mailing a check to the church office, or by using the “give” button at the top right-hand corner of the church website. A QR code is also available on the giving card in the pews.

## **Flowers**

This morning’s flowers are given by Marcia Ruegsegger in memory of my parents, and my husband, Jim.

## **Love First in Prayer: Care with Prayer**

Our Love First in Prayer team wants to help support our congregation in prayer by sharing prayers based on God’s word. God’s word “will accomplish what I [God] desire, and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11). During Advent, the prayers offered will align with our Advent candles: hope, peace, joy, and love.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. –Romans 15:13*

### **Suggested prayer for HOPE using Romans 15:13**

(Insert “me”/ “I” or another’s name in the blank spaces)

*God of hope, fill \_\_\_\_\_ with all joy and peace as \_\_\_\_\_ trust(s) in you, so that \_\_\_\_\_ may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.*

Take home cards of prayers are also available in the Prayer Room.

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## **Sermon Notes**