



# Ocean Shores United Methodist Church



**“Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on your journey of faith, you are loved by God and welcome here.”**

**December 24, 2023 - 10:30 am**  
**“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”**

**Welcome**

Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries

**Prelude**

Of The Father's Love Begotten

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God's name is 'I am.' "I am who I am; I am who I will be' ...

All: Forever

Leader: God's promises are not limited by days and years ...

All: Forever

Leader: God names us 'the children of God' ...

All: Forever

Leader: God's love for us is timeless ...

**\*Hymn**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 4 pg. 211

**Advent Liturgy**

We lit the first candle of Advent for Hope.

We lit the second candle of Advent for Love.

We lit the third candle of Advent for Joy.

Today, we light the fourth Candle of Advent for PEACE.

**Hymn**

Light the Advent Candle vs. 4 FWS pg. 2090

**Hymn**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus pg. 196

**Reading the Word**

Luke 1:26-38 and 2:1-14

**Meditation**

“Fear is the Opposite of Peace”

## **Hymn**

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear pg. 218

## **The Prayers of the People** Our Joys and Concerns

## **Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation To Offering**

Leader: Even in difficult times, we remember that God has done great things for us. We choose to live our lives in hope, counting on the goodness of God in every circumstance. As a sign of our trust in God, we share our gifts, strengthening the ministry of this church as we seek together to build Hope in our world. Let us present our tithes and offerings.

### **The Offertory**

Sing We Now of Christmas

### **\*Doxology**

Advent Doxology (see reverse)

### **The Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Lord, on the Eve of Jesus' birth, help me to be grateful for what I have, to remember that I don't *need* most of what I *want*, and to discover that true joy is found in simplicity and generosity. Amen.

## **Hymn**

In The Bleak Midwinter vs. 1, 2 pg. 218

## **Announcements**

Tin Cup next week for our coins to go to the Food Bank

## **The Sending Song**

Love Came Down Christmas pg. 242

**\* Please stand**

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

And The Glory of the Lord

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