

Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting—Help is needed to light on Christmas Eve! Families and groups are welcome to work together. A signup is on the red bulletin board.

Christmas Eve Worship — Join us for worship on Christmas Eve at Emmanuel! At 10 a.m. we will gather for a Family Worship, offering a Children's Storytime and Hymn Sing. Candlelight and Communion Worship will be offered at 8 p.m.

Joint Worship with St. James December 29th. — Our St. James neighbors will host us for a joint worship service at their church on Sunday, December 29th. Worship will be at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday night meal—is on break. Join us again on January 8 for our first Dinner Church of 2025 this Wednesday at 5:30!

Adopt-a-Family — was a success! Many thanks to all who helped bring Christmas joy to a family at Edison Elementary School.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy! Josh's children look forward to celebrating their dad's birthday on Tuesday.
- ♥ For our service men and women and their families.
- ♥ For those who struggle during this season and need to feel hope and joy.
- ♥ For Marcia Polis who had open heart surgery.
- ♥ For Chris Meetz who is home from the hospital but isolating due to her leukemia.

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A Charlie Brown Christmas: Revisited

Luke 2: 8 -14

December 22, 2024

Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Choral Gathering — Come Now, O Prince of Peace — BLACK 2232—VS 1

Call to Worship

Children of God, Advent brings so many demands on our time.

Is your tree up yet?

We are called to prepare the way.

Have you baked all your holiday cookies?

We are called to feed the hungry.

Are your Christmas cards in the mail?

We are called to love our neighbors.

Did you find the right Pokemon card for little Jack?

We are called to welcome the little children.

Have you bought the perfect gift for your spouse?

We are called to love one another.

Is your house clean for company?

We are called offer hospitality.

Are you ready for the Prince of Peace to come?

Choir – Are You Ready, Little Town?

Prayer of Confession — ALL

O God, we are the *Peanuts*. We are frustrated seekers like Charlie. We are fierce, vulnerable, and sometimes cruel like Lucy. We are passionate and dedicated like Schroeder. We are philosophical and faithful like Linus. We are marginalized and embraced like Franklin, Patty, and Marcie. We are dreamers and dancers like Snoopy and Woodstock. We are complicated, messy, and full of curiosity and hope. Wrap us like a warm blanket in your love. Hold us together as we find happiness every day in Jesus. Together. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Advent Candle Lighting— LYNN & VIDA KOLLATH

Advent Song— Light One Candle — BLACK 2090 — VS 4

A Charlie Brown Christmas: Revisited—CHOIR AND CHILDREN

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology — RED 95

Scripture — Luke 2: 8-14

Closing Prayer— PASTOR BEN

Hymn— Hark the Herald Angels Sing– Red 240

Benediction

Postlude

Special thanks to this morning's participants:

Musicians—Mathew Buchman, Nell Buchman, Ryan Korb, Mark Urness

Actors—Charlie Brown, Julian Morris

Linus, Bradyn Hill

Lucy, Morgan Arnoldussen

Sally, Emily Hill

Violet, Margaret Morris

Snoopy, Kenzie Arnoldussen

Woodstock, Sylvie Kozlowski

Narrator, Carrie Korb