

PRELUDE *Two Preludes on "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"* J. S. Bach
 ("Sleepers Awake! A Voice Is Sounding") Max Reger

WELCOME Rev. Jane Willan

MOMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE Penelope Protos

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

[End with verse 1 of Hymn 128, One Candle Is Lit](#)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

All: The Lord is our righteousness.

One: The days are coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will reign throughout the land.

All: The Lord is our righteousness.

One: The days are coming, says the Holy One, when my promised Son will heal the world with love and mercy.

All: The Lord is our righteousness.

HYMN 125 [Come, O Long-expected Jesus](#) HYFRYDOL

OPENING PRAYER

Righteous one, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone we place our trust; for you alone we wait patiently. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised one—the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation. Amen.

ANTHEM *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* arr. R. E. Martin
The First Church Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING [Romans 13:11-14 \(NT p. 197\)](#) Jimmy Quinn

ADVENT RESPONSE (HYMN 134) MCGEE
**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
 God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

SERMON *Still. Loading.* Rev. Fredd Ward

HYMN 171 [God's Love Made Visible!](#) POSADA
 Please remain seated during this hymn.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Jane Willan

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *A Maiden Most Gentle* arr. Andrew Carter
The First Church Choir

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 138 [Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn](#) REJOICE, REJOICE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Rejoice, Rejoice!* VENI EMMANUEL
The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* Johann Walther
 ("Sleepers Awake! A Voice Is Sounding")