

# THE SANCTUARY

First Sunday of Advent • December 3, 2023 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

GATHERING		Sellers
CALL TO WORSHIP “While We Are Waiting, Come” <i>The congregation is encouraged to join in singing with the choir.</i> “While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel. While we are waiting, come.” <small>Words by Claire Cloninger, music by Don Cason, tune WAITING ©1986 Word Music, LLC (ASCAP), CCLI #27525, CCLI License 940578. All rights reserved.</small>		
* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
* GREETING	Dusenbury	
Leader:	A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,”	
People:	“Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”	
All:	Come, Lord Jesus, restore our hope!	
* HYMN	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	No. 196
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Brown “The Apostles’ Creed”	No. 881
* ADVENT GLORIA PATRI	“Gloria in Excelsis Deo” Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! <small>Words from French carol, music French melody, arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, tune GLORIA ©Public Domain, CCLI# 27721, CCLI License 940578</small>	
* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		
Speaker:	We light this candle as a sign of our hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.	
All:	Our hope is in the Lord. “All Out of Darkness We Have Light” <i>(tune: “Sussex Carol”)</i> <i>The congregation is encouraged to join in singing with the choir.</i> “All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing that night. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing that night.” ‘Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen.’” <small>Traditional English carol, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, tune SUSSEX CAROL ©Public Domain, CCLI #2403494, CCLI License 940578</small>	
CHORAL MEDITATION “Emmanuel”		
“Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God with us. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, he shall come, the only Son of God, Emmanuel. Prepare for His coming, make way for the Lord. Let the valleys be exalted and the mountains be made low... ..The wonderful Couns’lor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace...” <small>Words and music by Dennis and Nan Allen, arrangement by Dennis Allen ©2004 Van Ness Press, Inc., CCLI #4320915, CCLI License 940578</small>		

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### CHORAL PRAISE “The People Who Walk in Darkness”

“The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. Now lift up your eyes, see the glory of the Lord. Now lift up your eyes, see the glory of the Lord, and all flesh will see it together... .. The people who walk in darkness see a great light. The people who walk in darkness see a great light. And people who live in shadow, shadow of death. Come rise and shine, come rise, your light has come....”

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### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “There Shall Be Hope” Dusenbury

OFFERTORY “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. Wilson

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty God, prepare the world for your rule and help us to share the ministry of Christ, offering hope in his name. We praise you and thank you for the place you have given us in your continuing creation, for the coming of Jesus Christ to share our human life, and for the promise of a day when there will be no more crying, suffering, or death. Prepare our hearts and purify our lives so that our service, sacrifice, and worship would be pleasing and acceptable in your sight. It is through Christ’s holy name that we pray. Amen.

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### THE LORD’S PRAYER

\* HYMN “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” No. 204

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND RECESSIONAL  
Please remain in place and join in singing.

“Rejoice! Rejoice!”

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

Words from 19th century Latin, music French melody, arr. And harm. by Thomas Helmore, tune VENI EMMANUEL  
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\* POSTLUDE “All Earth Is Waiting” TAULE

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§ Seating by Ushers \*Rise in body or spirit.

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Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, Wayne Sayre, Connie Stinson

# THE HARBOR

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<b>WELCOME</b>		Malambri
* <b>SONG</b>	"Open Up the Heavens"	
* <b>PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		
* <b>SONG</b>	"Learning"	
* <b>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>		"The Apostles' Creed"
<b>LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE</b>		
Pastor: We light this candle as a sign of our hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.		
<b>All:</b>	<b>Our hope is in the Lord.</b>	
<b>CELEBRATION OF GIFTS</b>		
<b>SONG</b>	"All the World Awaits (Hosanna)"	
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Isaiah 35:1-10	
<b>MESSAGE</b>	"There Shall Be Hope"	Malambri
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>		
<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
* <b>SONG</b>	"You Are the One"	
* <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
* <b>BENEDICTION</b>		

- Sermon Notes -



# Announcements

■ We know preparing for the holidays can sometimes be a little overwhelming and stressful. Let us help make this special season carefree with three Tuesday sessions of **"The Art of Entertaining"** from 11 AM–12:30 PM in the Family Life Center. This Tuesday, December 5, make appetizers to freeze and use during the holidays. On Tuesday, December 12, make two delicious side dishes you can pull out and serve when the family gathers. On Tuesday, December 19, create a beautiful floral arrangement for your serving table. Space is limited to 25. Each session costs \$25 and covers all materials needed.

■ Looking for some Christmas fun? Then join us on the Field of Faith this Saturday, December 9, from 10 AM to 12 Noon for **Christmas on the Field!** Enjoy hot chocolate and treats, crafts, face painting, games, and even pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Don't miss this chance to spread some holiday cheer!

■ **Lessons and Carols** is coming up next Sunday, December 10, at 8:45 AM and 11 AM in The Sanctuary. Based on the traditional English Lessons and Carols service, Belin Chancel Choir and Orchestra present a morning filled to overflowing with beloved carols and original seasonal songs. The story of Christ's birth is adorned with beautiful arrangements and meaningful scriptures, including moments for the congregation to join in on the singing of familiar carols.

■ You're invited to the annual **Christmas Pageant and Dinner** on Thursday, December 14, 5:30 PM–6:30 PM in the Family Life Center. There is a scrumptious meal planned, including pasta with spaghetti or alfredo sauce; salad; bread; and dessert. The costs are: adults \$10; children (ages 3-11) \$5; children under the age of 3 free. Proceeds go to cover the cost of ski trips for our youth this winter. Please register in advance so there is a headcount for dinner. The registration link can be found at [belinumc.org/now](http://belinumc.org/now).

# Dates to Remember

- December 4, 10 AM: Bridge (FLC)
- December 5, 10 AM: Mahjong (FLC)
- December 5, 1 PM: Intermediate Bridge (FLC)
- December 6, 7:45 AM: Man2Man Bible Study (FLC)
- December 6, 11:30 AM: Adult Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)
- December 7, 6 PM: "Navigating Isaiah" Advent Study begins (FLC)

# In Worship Together

**Our Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Our Vision:** To be a place for you to discover love, find purpose, and make a difference.

**Our Journey:** To connect, grow, and serve.

## Christmas Services

- Saturday, December 23, 6 PM: The Sanctuary (Candle Lighting)
- Sunday, December 24, 10 AM: The Harbor and The Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 24, 4 PM & 6 PM: The Harbor (Candle Lighting)
- Sunday, December 24: 6 PM & 11 PM: The Sanctuary (Candle Lighting)



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