

Traditional Worship Service

When Pressure Is Closing In

November 30, 2025

Sanctuary: Room For All

Length in mins

5:00 **Prelude**

1:30 **Live Stream Startup**

3:00 **Introit**

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5:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

1:00 **Call To Worship**

Liturgist: Nancy Smith

People: Come, people of God, even when the world presses in.

Leader: We come seeking sanctuary, a place where God makes room.

People: When choices feel few and the way seems uncertain, God is still near.

Leader: God meets us in surprising ways and makes space for us still.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, make room in us to receive you.

3:00 ***Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***

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2:00 **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Lighters:

Reader: Today, we light the candle of Hope. In a world pressed by fear and uncertainty, we remember God makes room where none seems possible.

Reader: Christ comes as our hope, guiding us through pressure into promise.

Reader: As we light this candle, we declare that hope still shines.

(Light the first candle.)

All: Come, Lord Jesus, our Hope

3:30 **Special Music**

"Carol of the Star," Chorale

5:00 **A Time for Children**

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 **Scripture Readings**

Joshua 2:1- 21

5:00 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

1:00 **Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer**

Words our liturgist can use: Advent hope is not wishful thinking; it is God's promise breaking in where we least expect it. When we give, we declare our trust in that promise and become part of God's sanctuary for others.

Breakthrough Prayer: O God, we offer ourselves to you. We are your people and this is your church. Use our gifts and breakthrough in new ways as we seek to love our neighbors and be a beacon of Christ-centered hope to our community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

4:00 **Offertory**

"Sing We Now of Christmas," Paul Ijames

1:00 ***Doxology***

20:00 **Message**

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Pastor Cody Anderson
Scripture: Matthew 1:1-5

1:00 Prayer of Confession

All: God of promise, we confess that when life presses in, we lose sight of your hope. Too often, we let fear speak louder than faith. We cling to control when you invite us to trust. We close our doors when you call us to make room. We forget that your hope is not fragile but strong enough to hold us even under pressure and uncertainty. Forgive us, O Lord. Open our eyes to your promise and open our hearts to your presence. Make room in us for trust, courage, and hope renewed in you. Amen.

1:00 Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: Our God is faithful. Even when pressure closes in, God always makes room for us. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and held in promise.
All: Thanks be to God!

3:00 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

60:30

Tech

9:00 Video Tech

Brian Caporale

FOH Audio Tech

Bruce Pearson