

Traditional Worship Service

Room For Hope

December 21, 2025

Sanctuary: Room For All

Length in mins

5:00 Prelude

"We Wish You, Hark the Herald, and Silent Night", Children's Handbell Choir

1:30 Live Stream Startup

3:00 Introit

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5:00 Welcome & Announcements

1:00 Call To Worship

Liturgist: Rick Kucera

Leader: Come, people of God, bring your worries and your weariness.

People: We come, seeking sanctuary in God's promise of hope.

Leader: When life feels impossible and choices feel few, God is still at work.

People: God's Spirit opens the way where we see no way.

Leader: This is a place for hope to be born anew.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and make room in us for hope.

3:00 *People Look East*

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1:00 Lighting of the Advent Candles

Lighters:

Reader: Today, we light the candle of Love. God makes room in impossible places, filling the world with new possibilities.

Reader: In Christ, love takes flesh and dwells among us.

Reader: As we light this candle, we celebrate the love that knows no bounds.

(Light the first, second, pink, and fourth candle.)

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Love Incarnate, into our hearts.

3:30 Special Music

"Deck The Halls", Handbell Quartet

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

Matthew 1:18-25

5:00 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

1:00 Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - 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

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing", Clayton and Linda Tong

1:00 *Doxology*

20:00 Message

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Pastor Cody Anderson

No additional scripture

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in mins**

1:00 Prayer of Confession

All: God of mercy and hope, we confess that too often we try to carry the weight of the world on our own. We cling to our plans and our expectations, and we forget that you are at work even when we cannot see it. We confess our fear, our doubt, and our reluctance to make room for your hope in the messiness of our lives. Forgive us when we harden our hearts instead of opening them, when we trust in our own understanding instead of yours, and when we fail to see your presence in the midst of our struggles. Call us again, O God, to trust, to follow, and to say yes to your surprising work in our lives. In Jesus' name, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen

1:00 Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news: Nothing can separate us from the hope and love of God in Christ Jesus. In him, we are forgiven, restored, and made whole.

All: Thanks be to God!

3:00 *What Child Is This*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

59:30
