

“They will call Him Immanuel—which means, ‘God with us.’”
Matthew 1:23

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Organist: Mrs. Linda Carlson Pianist: Mrs. Vickie Daly
Usher: Mr. Song Kim Song Leader: Mr. Jim McCarty
Pastor: Rev. Steve Carlson

Prelude
Informal Moments
Invocation #196 “O Come, Let Us Adore Him”
Prayer
Quiet Time of Meditation
Choral Call to Worship
*Hymn #243..... “Emmanuel”
*Hymn #244..... “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Children’s Moment “Away in a Manger”
The First Sunday of Advent “The Candle of Hope”
Congregation Prayer Concerns
Pastoral Prayer-Lord’s Prayer (spoken - *debts*)
Prayer Hymn #245 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Offering
*Doxology-Prayer of Dedication
Choir Selection “There Is a Savior”
*Hymn #255 “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”
(Children 3rd grade & under dismissed to Junior Church)
Scripture Luke 2:25-38
Sermon “Hope: Past, Present, Future”
*Communion Hymn #266 “That Beautiful Name”
CHURCH COVENANT (inside front cover of the hymnal)
The Lord’s Supper
Fellowship Offering
*Closing Hymn #426 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
*Benediction
Postlude

*We stand to praise God.

“The Candle of Hope”

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. The word “Advent” is a word from Latin and it means “coming.” The four Sundays of Advent which precede our traditional celebration of the coming of Christ to earth are an opportunity to reflect on Jesus’ coming and what He did for us. It is also a time to look forward in hope to the return of our Savior. The lighting of these candles reminds us of the promise that a Light has come and will come again to the world.

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God’s Son, our Savior. We are a people of Hope—hope in our salvation through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection and hope in Jesus’ return.

May we receive God’s light and hope as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah found in Isaiah 9:2: “*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.*”

Let us pray: Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus the Christ, grant that the light of the hope You have given us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us.

Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of Your coming, for Jesus is our hope—our only hope. Amen.

*If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a visitor’s card
and place it in the offering plate.*

Thank you for visiting, we hope to see you back next week.