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*First Sunday in Advent, December 4th, 2023*

**Welcome** **& Announcements** Julianne Thomas

**Greeting of the Fellowship**

**Prelude** Jaci Greig

**\*Gathering Hymn** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel #245*

**\*Call to Worship** (Adapted from “The Light” in *The Celebration Hymnal*) Julianne Thomas

*One: In the beginning was the Word,*

*Pastor: And the Word was with God,*

*One: And the Word was God.*

**Many: He was in the beginning with God.**

*One: All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

**Many: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

*Pastor: And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

*One: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all through Him might believe.*

*Pastor: He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light.*

*One: That was the true light which gives light to every man who comes into the world.*

**Many: He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.**

*One: He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*

**Many: But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.**

*Pastor: These were born not of blood, not of the will of the flesh, not of the will of man, but of God.*

**All: And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory-**

**the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**Advent Moment** Patty Dammann and Nancy Starke

**Hymn** *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus #244*

**Worship Prayer**  Pastor Dianna Cline

**Prayer Song** *Cares Chorus*

**Prayer** (During the prayer you will have the opportunity to call concerns and praises)

**\*Hymn** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness #293*

**Scripture Reflection** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Pastor Dianna Cline

**“Hope”**

**\*Hymn of Response** *Thy Word #184*

**Invitation to Respond** Julianne Thomas

**Offertory** Jaci Greig **\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer** Julianne Thomas

**\*Communion Hymn** *Come to the Table #464*

**Communion** Pastor Dianna Cline & Deacons

**Benediction**  Julianne Thomas

**Postlude**  Jaci Greig

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