



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Lena Lovette & Beckie Mathis

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.
We light this candle in hope.

One: Hear now God's promise of hope from 1 Corinthians 1:8–9:
"He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful;
by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord."

**Sung: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

One: God of hope, out of death you bring life.
Renew us in hope, so that we may be alert
to the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

All: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

***Hymn (#756)**

O God of Every Nation

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (#695)**

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

***Silence for Personal Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Sharing Faith With God's Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

The Work of Your Hand

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

Special Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand,
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.