Gathering
Call to Worship  Jana Dye (MDiv ‘19)
* Song: “While We Are Waiting Come”  MUO #77

Centering
Scripture Reading: Mark 13:24-37  Paul Collins (MDiv ‘20)
                           Lana McCallum (MDiv ‘19)
Song: “My Soul in Stillness Waits” [vss. 1-4 only; seated]  MUO #76

Proclaiming
Sermon  Jenna Sullivan (MDiv ‘18)

Responding
Prayers of the People  Travis Woodfield (MDiv ‘18)
* Song: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

    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.

    O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
    Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
    Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

    O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
    Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
    Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
    Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Sending

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Laurie Kenyon Woods (MDiv '19)

Benediction

Jenna Sullivan
Notes for Today’s Worship

About the Worship Leader
Jenna Sullivan is a third year student at Wake Forest School of Divinity and a Vestal Scholar with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She hopes to soon be ordained and serve in a local CBF-affiliated congregation near her family’s home in Little Rock, Arkansas. She is passionate about the Gospel and seeks to integrate psychology with spirituality and preaching as an agent of human flourishing in the world.

Advent Wreath
Today’s service features an Advent wreath. The Advent wreath, traditionally constructed of evergreen branches, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God with four candles around the wreath to represent the four weeks of Advent and one in the center to represent Christ. Each week in Advent a different candle is lit. Different traditions place different meanings onto the candles around the perimeter of the wreath. For some each candle focuses on one of the following virtues; Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Other traditions consider the first three to symbolize prayer, penance, and goods works, with the fourth representing rejoicing. The Christ candle is usually lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Worship
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