

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front rows of the side aisles.

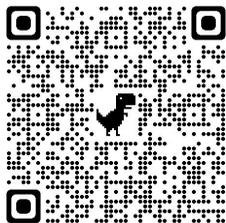
SENDING

SONG* - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (#127)

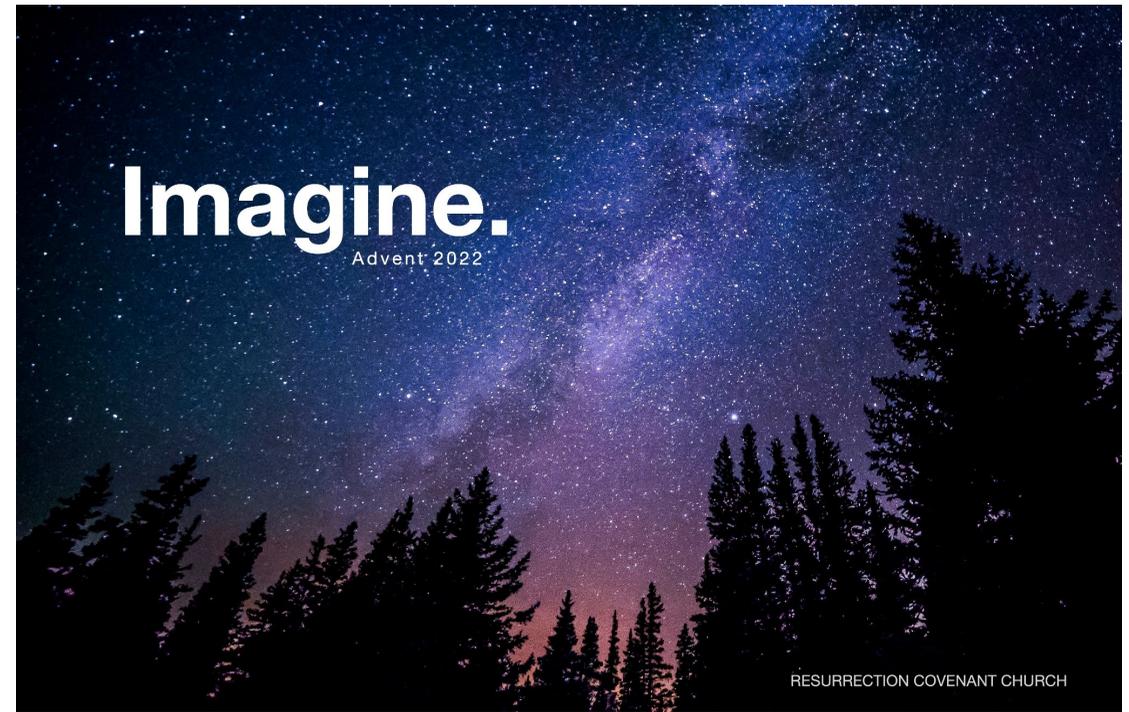
CHARGE & BLESSING*

*Stand, as you are able

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Sunday mornings:



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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (*adapted from Ruth Burgess*)

As farmers wait for rainfall,
as prisoners wait for freedom:

We wait for the coming of Christ.

As exiles yearn for home,
as peacemakers yearn for justice:

We long for the coming of Christ.

As travelers search for shelter,
as disciples look for answers:

We prepare for the coming of Christ.

Come and worship Emmanuel,
the God who is here with us.

PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

PROCESSION SONG*

Love will not fail, no, love will not fail,
though hatred and hopelessness seem to prevail,
no, love will not fail; love, love will prevail.

SONG* - In Feast or Fallow

1. When the fields are dry and the winter is long,
blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor.
When my soul is downcast,
and my voice has no song,
for mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord.

2. When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,
not a sparrow falls, nor a hair from my head
without God's hand to guide me,
my shield and my strength,
in joy or in sorrow, in life or in death.

Chorus:

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
my certain hope is in Jesus found.
My lot, my cup, my portion sure,
whatever comes, we shall endure.
Whatever comes, we shall endure.

Come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.
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SONG* - Come, Come Emmanuel

Come, come Emmanuel,
Come Emmanuel.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come, Emmanuel.
Come, Emmanuel.
Come into the places where we have forgotten you.
Come, Emmanuel.
Come into the places where we have ignored you.
Come, Emmanuel.
Come into the places where we have sinned against you.
Come, Emmanuel.
Come into the places where we have sinned against our neighbor.
Come, Emmanuel.
Come with your grace and drive out our sin and shame.
Come, Emmanuel.
Come, Emmanuel, and forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news of the Gospel;
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG* - While We Are Waiting, Come

1. While we are waiting, come.
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

2. With pow'r and glory, come.
With pow'r and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

3. Even so, quickly come.
Even so, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

GOSPEL LESSON*

Matthew 1:18-25

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Mackenzie Mahon

RESPONSE

SONG* - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (#120)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER