

We are an imperfect community striving to live into the beautiful story of God in our wonderful yet broken city. As an historic church with a vibrant future ahead we invite you to join us as we seek God's glory and neighbor's good together!

### WORSHIP NOTES:

- Welcome! If you would like to find out more about our community or speak with one of the pastors, please email Pastor Aaron at [aaron@rescov.org](mailto:aaron@rescov.org).
- Children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the worship service. We provide a nursery for infants on the main floor and childcare for toddlers in the basement for the duration of worship.
  - Pre-K Activities: Following the Passing of the Peace, Pre-school through Kindergarten aged children are invited to line up in the Narthex for class lasting until communion.
- During this Advent season, we are trying something a little different by worshipping in the round, with the community forming a circle with the Christ candle at the center. This reminds us that our worship is always communal and always the work of everyone present, not simply those in the "front." We also have placed the Advent candles around the boundary of the circle to remind us that we are part of the wreath—the call to be Christ's light in shadowed places.
- "Toda la Tierra/All Earth is Hopeful" is a song by Spanish (Barcelona) composer Monsignor Alberto Taulé. It speaks of creation's longing for the final coming of Christ's reign of justice and peace.
- "Canticle of the Turning" is a song by Rory Cooney that he wrote for Advent based on Mary's Magnificat. He wanted to underscore the revolutionary nature of Mary's prayer that calls for the radical re-ordering of the world's power structures.

**Advent** (meaning "coming") is the season of anticipation, waiting, and preparation that marks the four Sundays preceding Christmas. During Advent we not only remember how the people of Israel waited for a Messiah to come and deliver them from foreign occupation, but we also wait for and anticipate the second coming of Christ when he will come to inaugurate God's kingdom of love, peace, and justice. We live in hope of Christ's coming, preparing ourselves and the world for God's kingdom. The colors of Advent are royal blue and purple, signifying the royal colors that befit the coming Messiah.

Aaron Johnson, Dave Bjorlin, Jen Gillan, and  
Kyle Mecher serve as our pastors.



# Longing for the Dawn

**GATHERING**

## Call to Worship\*

Our souls magnify the Lord!

**Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

The mighty one has done great things for us!

**Holy is God's name!**

Let us worship the Holy One of Israel.

**For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;**

**from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

## Procession and Lighting of the Advent Candle

*(during the lighting we sing "Kindle a Flame")*

Come, Lord Jesus.

**Blessed is the one who comes as the dawn from on high. Amen.**

## Songs of Faith and Praise\*

*Toda La Tierra/ All Earth Is Hopeful*

*Canticle of the Turning*

## Prayer of Confession

**God of justice,**

**who is turning the world toward your reign,**  
**we confess our part in its brokenness.**

**We look with disdain on the humble and weak**  
**and admire the proud and powerful.**

**We send the hungry away empty**  
**and fill our houses with more things we do not need.**

**Forgive us, Savior of all,**  
**and give us the vision of your servant Mary**

**to see the world as you will make it**  
**and to work in the light of that vision until it comes.**

~silence~

## 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.**

## Dedication

Penelope Ondrey

## Song\*

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**WORD**

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

**Psalter**

**Psalm 80:1-7 (#819)**

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Lesson\*

Luke 1:39-55

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Pastor Aaron

**RESPONSE**

Hymn\*

*O Promised One Of Israel (#124 to tune of #142)*

Life Together &

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer (*debts, debtors*)

Offering

Doxology

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

Holy Communion

**SENDING**

Hymn\*

*Joy to the World (#146)*

Charge & Benediction

\*Stand, as you are able