

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, text WELCOME to 773.645.9335 or email Pastor Aaron ([aaron@rescov.org](mailto:aaron@rescov.org)). We'd love to connect with you.
- Children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the worship service. We provide a nursery for infants (unstaffed) 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.
- Canticle of the Turning" is a song by Rory Cooney (who lives in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago) 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.
- "El Mensaje que Hoy Proclamamos/Hear the Message We Are Now Proclaiming" is a song written by Colombian songwriter Eleazar Torreglosa.
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is a hymn based on the Latin "O Antiphons" that are traditionally sung on the last seven days of Advent during Vespers services. Each O Antiphon—O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, I Dayspring, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel—is given a separate verse in the hymn, though many hymnals now only have four verses.
- The bulletin art is entitled "Melting Berry Abstract Print" my former ResCover Elizabeth Ahlem Clark. The paint is made from sarcococca berries and snow foraged near her home in Bellingham, WA. To see more of her work, visit <https://collectingcolorways.com/>

**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.



# UNEXPECTED REVERSALS



# ADVENT

## GATHERING

## Call to Worship\*

A voice is crying in the wilderness,  
prepare the way of the LORD!

**Prepare ye the way of the LORD.**

**Prepare ye the way of the LORD.**

A shoot is blooming from the stump of Jesse:  
prepare the way of the LORD!

**Prepare ye the way of the LORD.**

**Prepare ye the way of the LORD.**

Prophets are foretelling your coming  
and mystics are dreaming of your reign:

prepare the way of the LORD!

**Prepare ye the way of the LORD.**

**Prepare ye the way of the LORD.**

Come, prepare the way for the unexpected reversals of Christ's reign.

## Procession and Lighting of the Advent Candle

*(during the lighting we sing the refrain of "Canticle of the Turning")*

## Song of Faith and Praise\*

*Canticle of the Turning*

*El Mensaje que Hoy Proclamamos*

## Song of Confession

*Come, Lord Jesus, Come*

~silent confession~

## 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\*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

## WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Lesson\*

Matthew 3:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Pastor Aaron

## RESPONSE

## Hymn\*

*Come Ye People of the Promise (#130)*

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer (*debts, debtors*)

Offering

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

## SENDING

Life Together

Charge & Benediction\*

\*Stand, as you are able