

# ENCOUNTER

A MID-WEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PRESENCE

**“Advent” is our theme for the next two weeks.**

Gathering Music

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #211

Gathering Prayer

One: We come from a world of darkness.

All: **Into Christ’s world of light.**

One: We come from a world of weariness.

All: **Into God’s strength and hope.**

One: We come from a slumbering world.

All: **Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and  
watch for the coming of Christ.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Meditation

Reflection and Response

During our time of Reflection and Response, you are invited to enter into contemplative prayer. You can walk around, light a candle, or do whatever makes you most comfortable.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: Emmanuel #204

Benediction

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