**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE, OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT HYMN:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,***

***That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Song of God appear.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice!...***

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

**\*HYMN:** *#364 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” (Red Hymnal)*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Holy God, throughout this season during which we celebrate the comings of Christ, we ask for the inspiration of your Spirit to awaken our hearts and open our eyes. We confess our failures in seeking you, our uncertainties about finding you, and our aimlessness without you. Overcome our sense of separation from you, we ask, forgive our sin, and renew us in our will to be your people in ministry to the world. Amen**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**JEREMIAH 33:14-16**  The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

**LUKE 21:25-36**  ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ 29 Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN:** #359*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (Methodist Hymnal)*

**JOYS & CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayers.**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING** (insert)

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**: Thank you for [supporting our ministries!](https://trumbullcongregationalchurch.breezechms.com/give/online)



**SENT TO SERVE**

**\*SONG:**#202*“People Look East”* (insert)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you for worshiping with us at TCC!

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*To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis.* [tim.hare@trumbullcc.org](mailto:tim.hare@trumbullcc.org).

~Rose Heiser, Angela Hare’s mother, struggling with health concerns

~Stephanie Marko, Jo Ann Hunt’s friend, who lost her son (48 years old) to heart failure

~Karolina Szabo’s sister, Irma, experiencing health concerns.

~Charlotte Coe and family, Jo Ann Hunt's friend with dementia and cancer

~The parents of Paul Nestro, experiencing health concerns

~Maria Coffin, prayers for healing and peace as she goes through chemotherapy

~The family of Jane Knecht, grieving her recent death.

~Ian and Jacqueline Sugrue-Tait and Griffin, their youngest, who struggles with significant health

issues

~Rev. John Russell, former TCC Pastor, experiencing health concern

~George Fitch, Grandfather of Jennifer Avery, experiencing health concerns

~ Amy Ronge's friend Marlene who is battling stage 4 cancer and the chemo seriously affected her heart.

~The Consolati family, grieving the death of Michelle’s mother, Gail Winick



**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

***\*\*COFFEE HOUR:*  Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Round Room. Please sign up online to host a Sunday. It’s easy, and the fellowship time makes a big difference to our time together. Instructions are on the Signup Genius.**

**\*\*FEAST IN A BOX: Many thanks to all who donated cans of corn for this year’s nOURish Bridgeport Thanksgiving program. TCC collected a total of 400 cans!! Also, thanks to all who helped assemble boxes of food or helped out on Nov. 23. FEAST IN A BOX makes Thanksgiving dinner possible for hundreds of people each year!**

**\*\*POINSETTIA ORDERS: Poinsettia order forms are ready for the Christmas season.**

**See the order forms that are in the bulletins, and also were emailed. Please return with payments by MONDAY DEC. 9th - It is a beautiful tradition we have started here - and brings so much beauty to the sanctuary during the holiday season. Please call or email Lisa in the office with any questions.**

**\*\*DECORATING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS: Please join us after coffee hour TODAY as we prepare the sanctuary for the new liturgical seasons! All ages are welcome.**

**OFFICE HOURS:**Please feel free to reach out to Lisa – Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

from 9am-12pm at 203-268-2433 or at [office@trumbullcc.org](mailto:office@trumbullcc.org).