

Children			
“Cleaning of the House”			
Lighting the Advent Wreath			
Response: Psalm 92:1			
We light the candles as a symbol of Christ our hope of salvation.			
The Call to Worship			
Keep awake,			
Christ is coming.			
Wait for the Lord			
Come in coming.			
Prepare the way,			
Christ is coming.			
Watch for the Lord,			
Christ is coming soon.			
Signs	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	UMH 211	
The Opening Prayer			
Let all golden and silver, your majesty is greater than the highest mountains, your glory more radiant than the summer sun. As the days grow dark and the sun’s light wanes, warm our hearts with the radiance of your love, that we might feel our courage and walk by the light of the moon. As nations rise up against nations, strengthen our desire for peace in your name, that we might turn our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Amen.			
Worship and Announcements			
The Children’s Message (Carroll Food Collection)			
Title of Scripture and Prayer			
Hope and Comfort			
The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 606)			
Signs	“Come and Pray with Us”	UMH 108	
Prayer	Psalm 132	UMH 606	
“Affirmation of Faith”	A Modern Affirmation	UMH 606	
“Gloria Patri”		UMH 70	
The Blessing of God’s Word and Our Offerings			
Gloria			
“The Greeting”		UMH 60	
“The Prayer of Dedication”: We may not know the day or time of your coming, but we know that it is time to make firm steps and to put on the armor of light. Be generous in giving us as your feet are often wet for peace and justice. Renew the gifts of our hands and use them to bring light to the darkness and hope to places of despair. Through you live the Prince of Peace. Amen.			
The New Testament Reading – Romans 17:11-14			p. 178
The Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:36-44			p. 187
Prayer for Illumination			
The Message	Open the House		
Service of Holy Communion			UMH 7
Signs	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	UMH 211	
The Charge and Blessing			
Go forth in faith during this season of Advent and put on the armor of Christ’s light.			
As the days grow short and the sun’s light wanes, we will strive for all the world to see.			
Go forth in love during this time of waiting and embrace the grace that grows all understanding.			
As disciples of the Prince of Peace we will lead our members into righteousness and our spears into pruning hooks.			
Go with God. Amen.			
Response	“Lead Us to the One That waits for Us”	UMH 607	
“Cleaning of the Study/Parade”			
	“Please stand as you are able.”		