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First Midweek in Advent

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Midweek Advent I Service

About this service: This worship service is specially designed for our midweek Advent gatherings. Our theme for this year is *This is the Name by Which He Will Be Called*. May God bless our worship, increase our joy in our Savior's coming, and strengthen our resolve to live to his honor and glory.

M: Minister; **W:** Worshipers



Lighting of the Advent Candles

Opening Hymn: [206] Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Invocation

Worshippers stand.

Minister [sing]: O Lord, open my lips.

Worshippers: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

W: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

W: Amen.

Psalm 141 (All sing)

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M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

W: Amen

Worshippers sit.

Sermon Hymn: [23] Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Sermon

THEME: Comforting Name: Immanuel

TEXT: Isaiah 7:14

M: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Seasonal Response:

All: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out; Come Lord Jesus, come.

Gathering of Offerings for the Lord

Friendship Register: Our Friendship Register is an important part of our ministry of welcome at Fairview. As the register is passed down the pew, both guests and members have the opportunity to identify who is sitting with them. When the register reaches the opposite end of the pew, it is passed back to the center (please be sure to check the names of the people you are worshiping with). We ask that every worshiper is registered each service. Like registration for Lord's Supper, the worship register enables us to express our loving concern also for our members who are missing these worship celebrations with their spiritual family.

An Encouragement to Joyful Giving: We give our offerings at this time in thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior's perfect and unending love for us. God does not need our gifts; rather we give to express our thanks to God. These thank offerings are used to support God's work at Fairview, in the community and throughout the world. The Christians at Fairview also view these offerings as a confession of oneness in faith and purpose.

Our Guests and the Offering Our guests are certainly welcomed to participate in this offering; however; we also urge them to feel comfortable in refraining from giving.

Worshippers stand.

Prayer of the Church

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord;

W: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the well being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here we pray, O Lord;

W: Christ, have mercy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

W: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

W: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind and spirit, for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

W: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

W: Thanks be to God.

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

All: Amen. Worshippers sit.

The Lord’s Prayer

Sung by Michael and Caroline Cyr

M: Lord, God, all holy desires, all good counsels, all good works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Song of Simeon (All sing)

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The Sending Blessing

M: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

W: Amen.

Closing Song: The Coventry Carol

Choir Selection

Personal Prayer, Announcements, Sending for Service



Fairview’s 2018 Christmas and Holiday Worship Schedule

12/24 (Mon.)	Christmas Eve	Worship at 6:30p
12/25 (Tues.)	Christmas Day	Worship at 10:00a
12/31 (Mon.)	New Year’s Eve	Worship <i>with Communion</i> at 6:30p



