

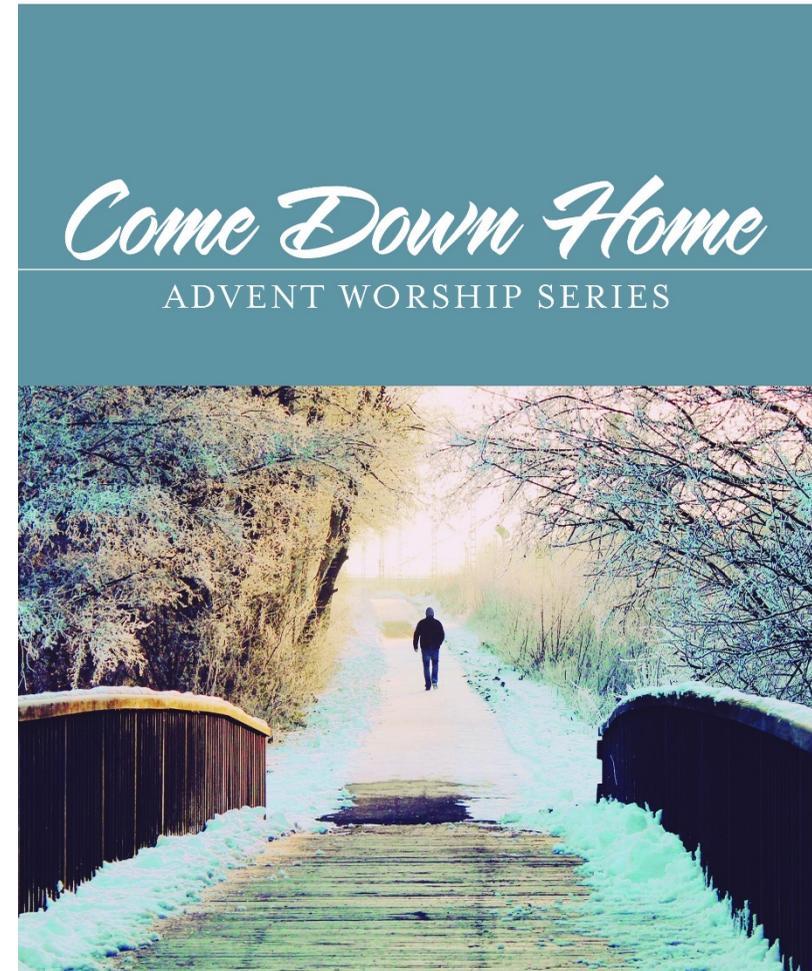
Let's enjoy some Christmas fellowship, next Sunday after the service of music. There is only one worship service next week, at 10:00 am. You are invited to bring a Christmas treat to share at the fellowship time following the service. Maybe you have a favorite recipe for Christmas cookies or muffins or candy—whatever you want to bring. We will have fun sharing in some tastes of the season and enjoying one another's company.

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Gary Roberson, Liturgist  
Mountainside Choir  
Dee Short, Organist  
Karen Blackmore, Pianist  
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9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
December 10, 2017

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *Welcome*

*\*Indicates congregation standing as able*

\*Opening Song                      “O Come, All Ye Faithful”                      #234

\*Welcome and Announcements  
*Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row.*

Call to Worship:                      Go Tell It on the Mountain                      MUMC Choir

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Introduction (video)

Hymn:                      “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” stanza 5,                      #211

**All [sung]: “O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death’s deep misery.”**

Reader 1: God of Love, you created the universe and all that is in it. You created all things and called them good.

Reader 2: God of Love, you wove into life a beautiful diversity from your infinite palette of creativity. All the creatures that walk or swim, crawl or fly sing praises to you.

**All: We, God’s people, affirm the creation of all things in love, saying with the psalmist: “God’s salvation is very close to those who honor God so that God’s glory can live in our land. Faithful love and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed.” (Psalm 85:9–10, CEB)**

Reader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us that the God of Creation calls us home to love all that we meet.

*Light two candles.*

**All [sung]: “Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”**

Children’s Sermon

*Children are invited to come to the front to spend some time with the pastor. Afterwards, the children (ages 3-10) may go to children’s church, although children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.*

Joys & Concerns

*A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution. A Children’s church (ages 3-10) is available at this time.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Anthem                      Breath of Heaven                      Mountainside UMC Choir

Scripture                      Isaiah 40:1-11

Message                      Home is Where We Meet                      Pastor Mills

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology                      Hymnal No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*Hymn                      “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”                      #240

Benediction