

*Call to Worship

Chip Goldsberry

Leader: In a world that is lonely,

People: We will save a seat for you.

Leader: In a world that is anxious,

People: We will light candles against the gloom.

Leader: In a world that is weary,

People: We will sing songs of joy and truth.

Leader: I am not alone.

People: We are not alone.

Leader: For here in this place, God is weaving us together.

**People: Light the candles! Sing with joy! We are a three-cord strand,
not easily broken.**

***Hymn** "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Leader: I have tried to make my own way. I have tried to lace my own shoes, to build my own house, to kindle my own faith. I have said a thousand times, "Turn back," as if I am fine on my own. But the days are long and I am forgetful. I need your help. Can you remind me?

People: We will remind you of this everlasting truth: you are not alone. Where you go, God goes. You are held in grace. Trust in this good news. Thanks be to God! I remember. I believe.

Leader: Now we need your help. We, too, have tried to make our own way. We have tried to lace our own shoes, to build our own houses, to kindle our own faiths. We have said a thousand times, "Turn back," as if we are fine on our own. But the days are long and we are forgetful. We need your help. Can you remind us?

People: I will remind you of this everlasting truth: you are not alone. Where you go, God goes. You are held in grace. Trust in this good news. Thanks be to God! We remember. We believe. Alleluia! Amen.

***Congregational Response** "Glory to God" (back cover Hymnal)

*** Please stand as you are able.**

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Ruth 1

Children's Time

Second Reading Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

Message "Where You Go, I'll Go Too" Rev. Wil Reinowski

Receiving New Member Wendy Cotter

***Hymn** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" 306

Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues, ending with "sing to the glory of your name..."

Response "Holy, Holy, Holy" (back cover Hymnal)

The prayer continues with an invitation to the Lord's Prayer. Please join in the language God has it on your heart.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Lord's Supper

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn** "Let Us Break Bread Together" 525

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at any time.

Offertory "Sing We Now of Christmas" (French Carol)

***Doxology** 606

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

Faithful God, bless these gifts and all who give them. Knit our offerings into your work of mercy and love. May they build community, strengthen the weary, and remind your people that none of us walks alone. Amen.

***Hymn** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" 761

***Benediction**

Postlude "Caroling, Caroling" (Alfred Burt)



In Our Prayers ✂

We pray for Nancy Nargi as she recovers from hip replacement surgery. We also pray for our Special Care Friends, especially Harry and Marty Hudlow.

Please sign the congregational letter in the Gathering Space for Nancy Nargi.

Our greeters this morning are Pat Egan and Ellie Zadeh.

Cover image: "From the Three", by Hannah Garrity. Inspired by Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Artist Statement: God emphasizes that two are better than one and three are stronger than two. A three-ply cord isn't easily broken. Its strength lies in the interwoven fibers coming together. Without that interweaving, the fibers are weak.

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Second Sunday of Advent

Words for the Beginning

"We Can't Go Alone"

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Welcome

Minute for Mission

Becky Stouppe

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prelude

"Veni, Veni Emmanuel"

(arr. Chip Davis)