

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service

Advent 1



“Living in Hope”

**Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
December 1, 2024**

Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

***Indicates an invitation to stand -in body, or in spirit**

Prelude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *Tune: Veni Emmanuel, Arr by J. B. Taylor*

Minister’s Welcome

Announcements

***Opening Hymn: VU 1 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** *Words Latin antiphons for Advent, 9th century, Arr by Healey Willan*

The Advent Candle of Hope: VU 6 Vs. 1 “A Candle is Burning”

Call to Worship (Marilyn Coombs)

Prayer of Approach

Song of Personal Prayer: “No. 2 Fugue” *(Magnificat Quinti Toni), By C. H. Trevor* (Elaine Weimer)

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: “Come, Emmanuel, Come” *By Don Besig & Nancy Price*

First Scripture: Psalm 25:1-10 (Marilyn Coombs)

Second Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Song of Reflection: “What Child is This” *Traditional English Melody, Arr by Lloyd Larson* (Elaine Weimer)

Third Scripture: Romans 4:13, 16-20

Reflection: “Living in Hope”

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Hymn: VU 55 “In the Bleak Mid-Winter”
(Verse 4) *Words by Christina Georgina Rossetti, Music by Gustav
Theodor Holst***

***Offering Prayer**

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected
Jesus” *Words by Charles Wesley, Music Psalmodia Sacra***

***Commissioning**

***Benediction**

***Sung Blessing: “Take Up His Song” *Words by Laura A.
Herman***

**Postlude: “He Is Born the Holy Child” *Traditional
French Carol, Arr by John Leavitt***

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We acknowledge that our sacred space is found on the indigenous territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron -Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis. With gratitude and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live into right relations with all.”

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LOOKING AHEAD

December 8 – Advent 2 – White Gift Sunday
The Merry Bells
Bake Sale (after church)

December 15 – Advent 3 – Holy Communion
Christmas Concert - 3pm

December 22 – Advent 4 – The Merry Bells

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 7pm