



**Bush Creek Church of the Brethren**  
November 29, 2020  
Interim Pastors:  
Pastor Linda Lambert & Pastor Bill Caputo  
Worship Assistant: Bob Farmer

## GATHERING MUSIC

Linda Spohn

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*INVOCATION

Unison

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful **hope** to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION O Come, O Come, Immanuel



### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Bob Farmer

The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is

the Light of the World — he brought light and life to a dark world. On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our **hope** and joy.

*God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie,<sup>(AB)</sup> we who have fled to take hold of the **hope**<sup>(AC)</sup> set before us may be greatly encouraged. <sup>19</sup> We have this **hope** as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,<sup>(AD)</sup> Hebrews 6:18=19*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Jack Green

\*HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #178



## KIDS CHRISTMAS CORNER -

Beth Green

Please see back of bulletin.

## BLESSING OF GIVING

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:22-23

## MESSAGE

Internal and Eternal HOPE

Pastor Linda Lambert

\*HYMN To Us a Child of Hope is Born #189

\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION Romans 15:13

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace<sup>(A)</sup> as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.<sup>(B)</sup>

## \*POSTLUDE

Linda Spohn

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**Sunday, November 29, 2020**  
**Candle of HOPE**



An evergreen has a very appropriate name. It is ever green – always green. It does not become dormant in the winter as most other trees do. The color green represents new life and the needles of the evergreen always point up – heavenward. It symbolizes our everlasting life with Jesus Christ. We should be as the evergreen tree – always full of life never becoming dormant in our life with Christ as our arms are lifted heavenward.

*"The bread of God is the One who comes down from heaven. He gives life to the world."*  
John 6:33