

## DECEMBER 8, 2024 - 10:30 a.m. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE SERMON FOCUS: ADVENT

OPENING SONG

**GREETING** Pastor Ted Smith

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

**Advent Reader(s):** And so, John the Baptist appears in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We light this second Advent candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

PEOPLE: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

OPENING PRAYER*	Pastor Ted Smith
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*	Pastor Ted Smith
LORD'S PRAYER*	Pastor Ted Smith

SCRIPTURE LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 Pastor Ted Smith

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION "A Change of Scenery"

MESSAGE INVITATIONS Pastor Ted Smith

Invitation to Discipleship & Membership

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Ted Smith GOING FORTH

*Worship Leader: Pastor Ted Smith
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Our Call to Worship was by Ms. Emily Rose, in her Literature & Liturgy blog

# MALACHI 3:1-4 The Coming Messenger

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

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### **DECEMBER 8th HOMEWORK:**

Identify the area of your life in which you need Christ' help.

### A Change of Scenery Cast

Gabriel - Cole Workman Mary - Jenna Dooley Joseph - Trevor Duke

TV Anchors - Charlotte Debruhl, Sonya Workman, Elliott Debruhl Motel Manager - Dahlia Stephenson Farmer - Liam Chamblin

Angels - Evie Ferguson, Xander Chamblin, Chase Dooley, Lilly Byrne Shoppers - Lucy Duke, Lylah Dooley, Addi Rhea, Luke O'Donnell, Olivia Wiggs

SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Smith

Children's Presentation: Kids For Christ Floral Arrangements: Helen Pemberton