Service of the Word
December 9, 2007, 10:50 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR PRAISE

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING AND GREETING

†PRELUDE "Once Again My Heart Rejoices" Wes Kirkpatrick, *organ*
Setting: *David Cherwin*

†CALL TO WORSHIP
Congregational Response "Come, Emmanuel" *James J. Chepponis*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Evelyn Brady and Maureen Pera

†HYMN "People, Look East" UMH 202
tune: *Besancon*

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Chancel Choir
Text and Music: *Jaques Berthier*

MORNING PRAYER and 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.

WORD AND WONDER Amanda Pennington
"Like a Child" TFWS 2092
tune: *Like a Child*

THE OFFERTORY "Will You Be Ready" Youth Choir
Mark Patterson

†DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94
tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†HYMN "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" TFWS 2089
tune: *La Grange*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 3:1-12

ANTHEM "Prepare the Way of the Lord!" Chancel Choir
Text: *Isaiah 40:4-5* Music: *William Rowan*

SERMON "The Way of the Lord" Dr. R. Mark Matheny

SENDING FORTH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP / MEMBERSHIP

†HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213
tune: *Truro*

†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.