



**GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Bob Dey, Bass

*“The People That Walked In Darkness hath seen a great Light,” Handel*

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 40:1-11 (Page 517 Old Testament)

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #399**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

**SERMON**

**“Advent: Love”**

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #404**

*“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

**TODAY'S STEWARDS**

Greeter: Jeff DeWitt

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Luncheon

## NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (December 28):

Greeter: Ellie Clark

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Potluck Breakfast

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Thanks to Heidi Wilson for being the worship assistant this week. If you are interested in participating in worship this way, there is a signup sheet in the narthex.

### EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US

We want to thank Jeff DeWitt for sharing a little of his spiritual journey with us today. We plan on continuing this time of sharing in the worship services during 2015. Please consider sharing part of your story with us. It doesn't have to be long, nor are we expecting a polished sermon. Just a brief witness to something God has been doing in your life and/or how FRCC has been important in your life.

### EMMANUEL

You may have noticed the heading in the bulletin - **Emmanuel**. This is a title that Isaiah gave to the "Coming One," and was part of the angel's proclamation to Joseph in Matthew. It is the English transliteration of a Hebrew word meaning "God with us." We include in the service a time for a person from the congregation to share where they have experienced "God with us." Please consider being the one who shares in a future service. If you are willing, please contact Pastor Chuck.

### DECEMBER 28

Next Sunday we will be having a potluck breakfast and informal worship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a time of fellowship as we eat together around the tables, a time of Carol singing, and a Christmas Story. Please join us at 10:00 for breakfast and carol singing will begin by 11:00 at the latest.

### CONSISTORY

The congregation has elected Jeff DeWitt to serve as Elder and Mike Shafer to serve as a Deacon on the Consistory. The installation service will be January 4. Joe White will serve a second term as a deacon. If there are any biblical or ecclesiastical reasons why any of them may not serve, please contact Pastor Chuck or one of the present Consistory members.

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