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Wimberley United Methodist Church is a vibrant community of faith that offers radical hospitality and compassionate Christ-led ministries for hope-filled lives.



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Wimberley United Methodist Church

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GATHERING SONG

"Gather Us In"

TFWS 2236 vs. 1,2,4

Verse 1
Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of your name.

Verse 2
We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song

Verse 4
Not in the dark of buildings confining. not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones

GREETING/WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGLHTING

Leader: This is our Advent—when the Church remembers that God is urgently waiting to arrive in our midst.

All: Holy One, we have been waiting for you too. Yet you often arrive before we notice: in the place we did not expect, through words we nearly miss.

Leader: Right before you change a life, your messengers always say, "Do not be afraid."

All: You are here to change this place. Fear does not define us.

Leader: We lit the candles of Peace and Hope, remembering that peace is holy tension, and hope is trust that new life is already growing. Today we light the candles of Joy and Love. Joy dawns quietly. Love grows in hidden places. Your goodness deepens in our midst like a child forming in the warm darkness of the womb—unseen yet unmistakably alive. Holy One, teach us to trust your promises. (Light the Joy and Love candles.)

Leader: Holy One, kindle joy and love within us...

All: ...that these flames may guide our steps and steady our hearts. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE		"Glory (Let There Be Peace)
Verse 1	(Repeat Chorus)	
One star Burns in the darkness		
Shines with the promise Emmanuel	Bridge	
One child Born in the stillness	Do not be afraid	
Living within us Emmanuel	His love is strong enough to save us	
Chorus	Nothing stands in the way	
We're singing Glory Glory	His love is strong enough to lead us	
Let there be peace let there be peace	(Repeat Bridge)	
Singing Glory Glory	Chorus	
Let there be peace let it start in me	We're singing Glory Glory	
Verse 2	Let there be peace let there be peace	
One voice Speaks for the voiceless	Singing Glory Glory	
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel	Let there be peace let it start in me	
One love Brings us together	Ending	
Now and forever Emmanuel	Let there be peace let it start in me	

KIDZ CHURCH Children ages three and up may go to Kidz Church in the Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING	"Carol of Rejoicing"	Choir
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SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-16 Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON	"Out of the Blue: At the Turning Point"	Pastor Susan Rang
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RESPONSE SONG	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	UMH 211 vs. 1,2,6
Verse 1	Until the Son of God appear	
O come O come Emmanuel	Chorus	
And ransom captive Israel	Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel	
That mourns in lonely exile here	Shall come to thee O Israel	

Verse 2	Verse 6
O come Thou Wisdom from on high	O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
And order all things far and nigh	Our spirits by thy justice here
To us the path of knowledge show	Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And cause us in her ways to go (chorus)	And death's dark shadows put to flight (chorus)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	UMH 883
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A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

INVITATION

SENDING SONG	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	UMH 206
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I want to walk as a child of the light	In Him, there is no darkness at all
I want to follow Jesus	The night and the day are both alike
God sent the stars to give light to the world	The Lamb is the light of the city of God
The star of my life is Jesus	Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus
In Him, there is no darkness at all	I'm looking for the coming of Christ
The night and the day are both alike	I want to be with Jesus
The Lamb is the light of the city of God	When we have run with patience the
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus	race
I want to see the brightness of God	We shall know the joy of Jesus
I want to look at Jesus	In Him, there is no darkness at all
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path	The night and the day are both alike
And show me the way to the Father	The Lamb is the light of the city of God
	Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

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