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## Worship at The WELL

### Gathering Music

### Greeting from The Band and Each Other

**Song for All** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

### Welcome, Announcements and Community Connections

### Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

One: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

**All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,  
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ.  
Show us the creative power of hope.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

**Song for All** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

### The Word from Scriptures

Matthew 24: 36-44

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**Message** "Hoping for God to Come Down"

### Prayer Station—Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**Focus Song** "Almost There"

*Mary, full of innocence  
Carrying the Holy prince  
You're almost there, you're almost there  
Mother of the Living Word  
Trusting in the voice you heard  
You're almost there, you're almost there*

*You're almost where the angels see  
Redemption's plan unfolding*

*All hope is in the Son you'll bear  
You're almost there  
A lonely road, a willing heart  
Pray for strength to do your part  
You're almost there, you're almost there  
Trust the Father to provide  
Bread of heaven prophesied  
You're almost there, you're almost there  
You're almost where the waiting ends  
Delivering the life within  
The answered prayer, Emmanuel  
You're almost there  
You're almost where the journey ends  
Where death will die and life begins  
The answered prayer, Emmanuel  
You're almost where the waiting ends  
Delivering the life within  
The answered prayer, Emmanuel  
You're almost there  
You're almost where the journey ends  
Where death will die and life begins  
The answered prayer, Emmanuel  
You're almost there...*

**Prayer for All**

**Song for All**

"Now"

**Blessing**

**Parting Music**