

Advent Vespers

December 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: Into our world, as into Mary's womb,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: into the forgotten places, as into the stable,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: This is the good news: Christ is coming, and blessed are those who wait on the Lord. Let us worship God.

Song 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer

A Reading from Scripture

Ephesians 4:25

A Reading from *Bless the Advent We Actually Have* by Kate Bowler

Sharing Stories and Reflections about David Olson

Song 54 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Sing 3X)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

A Blessing