



November 23, 2021

Dear Friends,

### **Congregational Singing is Back! Thanks be to God!**

Many of you have been yearning for the day when all of us gathered in worship could sing our beloved hymns. *Wait no longer!* At last night's Session meeting, our elders voted unanimously to return to congregational singing. In order to sing safely – singing projects respiratory droplets much further than talking – the members of the Session also voted to require everyone to wear a mask (that fully covers your nose and mouth). This applies to *all* areas of the sanctuary. This protects our children who are not yet vaccinated and our members who are immune compromised. In addition, it adheres to the guidelines of the American Choral Directors Association.

The return of congregational singing comes just in time for us to sing some of the beautiful Advent hymns. I hope you will be in worship this Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, to sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and other stirring hymns that resound in our souls.

### **Fellowship Following Worship**

Following both of our morning worship services (9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.), we will have an opportunity to catch up with one another in the Meeting Room and Rodney Chapel. Coffee, tea, juice, and hot chocolate will be available. We hope you will linger for a while to speak to long-time friends and to meet people who are new to our church family.

If you are away this weekend for the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope you will carve out time to watch our service live or at a later time on our [YouTube channel](#). Then, join us in-person on the second Sunday of Advent and be prepared to make a joyful noise.

Have a beautiful holiday and watch for tomorrow's special Thanksgiving message.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg", written in a cursive style.

Gregory Knox Jones  
*Senior Pastor/Head of Staff*