



wednesday, december 02, 2015-7:00 pm  
the open door ~ contemporary worship

...in a religion born in a barn,  
an open door goes without saying

**welcome & announcements**

**opening song** "God is great"

**song & prayer** "i could sing of your love forever" chris martirano

**song** "Emmanuel"

**lighting of the advent candle of hope**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%2033:14-18&version=MSG>

Jeremiah 33:14-18 The Message (MSG)

"Watch for this: The time is coming—God's Decree—when I will keep the promise I made to the families of Israel and Judah. When that time comes, I will make a fresh and true shoot sprout from the David-Tree. He will run this country honestly and fairly. He will set things right. That's when Judah will be secure and Jerusalem live in safety. The motto for the city will be, "God Has Set Things Right for Us." God has made it clear that there will always be a descendant of David ruling the people of Israel and that there will always be Levitical priests on hand to offer burnt offerings, present grain offerings, and carry on the sacrificial worship in my honor."

**song** "Emmanuel"

**children's message**

pastor alex

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." ~ Desmond Tutu

Dear Lord,  
We light the Candle of Hope  
that everyone may see  
Jesus is the Light of the World.  
Help us  
to live in Your Light,  
to live in Your Hope.  
Shine within our hearts today.  
Amen

**luke 21:25-36** [NRSV]

**The Coming of the Son of Man**

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea

and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

### **The Lesson of the Fig Tree**

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

### **Exhortation to Watch**

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

**reflecting on God's message**

pastor alex

**presentation of the offerings**

"amazing love"

**the LORD's table**

**visual prayer after receiving**

"I am present" [by *twotp*]

**song**

"You are good"

**dance party with Jesus**

"victory chant"

**benediction & passing the peace**

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