

# *Blue Christmas*

*Sunday, December 11, 2016 2:00pm*

## **Gathering**

Prelude

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
the maker of Heaven and Earth. Amen.

Purpose

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

*Oh, come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

*Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by your drawing nigh,  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

*Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind;  
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease, And be yourself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!*

## **Word**

Prayer of Illumination

Word Read: Psalm 46

Reflection: Pain and Praise Rev. James Baar

## **Response**

Commemoration

*Acknowledging our loss and lighting memorial candles.*

Prayer of Lament

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!  
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem. (Ps. 130)  
Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Ps. 27)*

Time of Silence

Special Music



## Sending

Words of Assurance

Sending Song: Away in a Manger #24

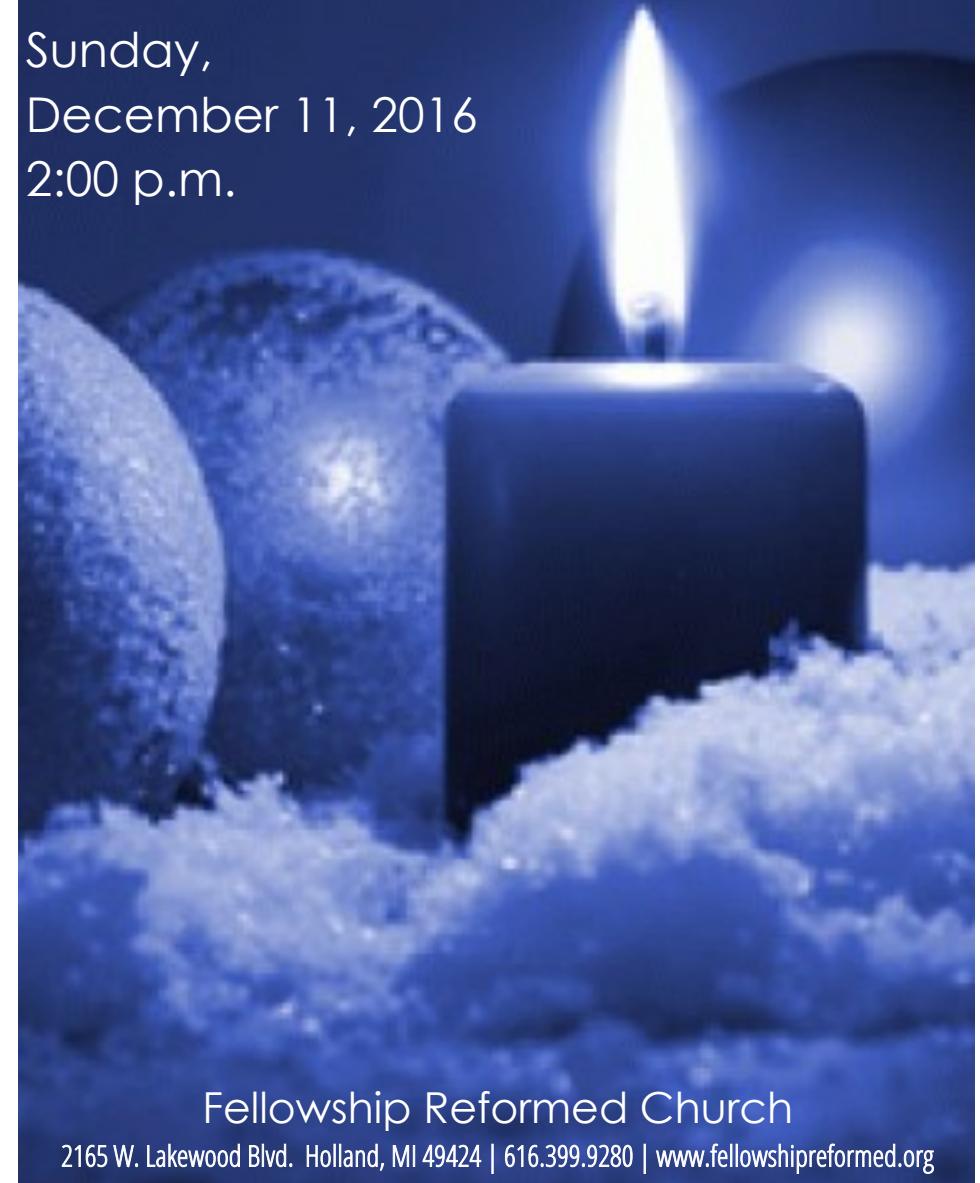
*Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
  
The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.  
  
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care;  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

Benediction

*Please stay as long as you need and leave quietly when you are ready.  
The pastors are available to pray with you individually before you go.  
Pick up a care package on your way out and  
enjoy snacks provided for you by Fellowship Church members.*

# Blue Christmas Service

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