



**WORSHIP TODAY:**

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

**“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

**Children’s Message**

**Message: Paul Gauche**

**Offering**

**“Great Are You, Lord”**

**Prayers**

**You are God’s beloved.**

**So go rejoicing.**

**The world needs it.**

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

**How Does a Weary World Rejoice?**  
Saturdays at 5:30pm | Sundays at 9:00am and 10:30am

**Christmas Choir Program** | All Services | December 16 – 17

**JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY**

**POP Praise Choir Presentation**  
December 2 at 5:30pm | December 3 at 10:30am

**Great ADVENTure** | December 8 | 6:00 – 8:00pm

**JOIN US FOR MISSION**

**Gift Tree:** Take a donation envelope from one of the Christmas trees through December 10, and return it the following week.

**JOIN US IN GENEROSITY**

Your gift supports mission and ministry. Thank you!



See more events at [popmn.org/register](https://popmn.org/register)



## CONNECTION CARD

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PLEASE PRINT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

(name of person who invited you, mailing, website, etc.)

☐ Guest

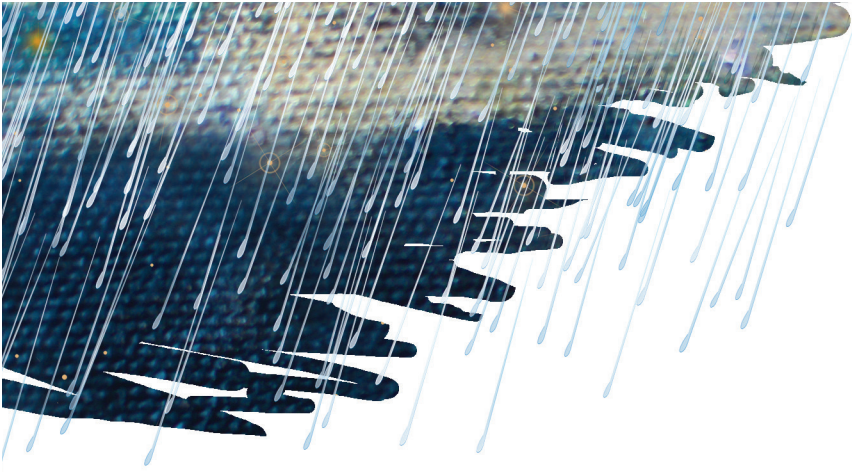
☐ Desire to Join

☐ Desire to Volunteer

☐ Contact Update

☐ Contact Me

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Spiritual Care request



## Wade In

Prayer by Rev. Sarah Speed  
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Over time  
wind and water  
will sand down the edges of a stone.  
For humans,  
our wind and water  
is the grief of the world.  
Stay here long enough  
and pieces of you  
will be pressed upon  
by life's never-ending stream.  
It's enough to make you weary.  
It's enough to make you question.  
It's enough to make you quiet.  
And yet, the stream continues.  
So do not be afraid to stand in that water.  
Wade in. Soak the hem of your jeans.  
Drip wet footprints through  
every room in your house.  
Let the water stains tell your story.  
And when your body grows weary of swimming,  
name the stream.  
Acknowledge your weariness.  
For eventually,  
you will pick flowers from  
the opposite bank.  
And over and over again, we'll tell this story.  
And over and over again,  
a weary world will rejoice.

We can be weary in all sorts of ways. We can be weary because we're getting older. Because we've been waiting. Because there is more tragic news in the world every day. Because there is so little sunlight this time of year. Because the holidays are stressful. Because some relationships seem damaged beyond repair. Because we have faced the same routine for years and it feels like nothing has changed.

You can find the words from a weary person in Psalm 80. It's okay to read it with an impatient voice, to shake your fist at the sky, to be utterly impolite. "How LONG, O Lord? How long will it be this way?"

Why are you feeling weary? Be specific. Can you name your anxiety and grief? Can God handle hearing it?

Can you experience real weariness *and* insist that hope is coming, at the same time? How? Is it okay if that's too difficult to consider right now? Do you think you'll ever be able to give up your weariness in exchange for hope? Why do you feel that way?

# SPIRITUAL CARE REQUEST

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**Prayer Request:** Prayer Ministers will pray for your request(s) listed below.

### I Would Like:

- ☐ To pray with someone over the phone or in person.
- ☐ Someone from the Spiritual Care Team to contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_