

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *When Blossoms Flowered 'Mid the Snows* Yon
Deanna Patton

Lighting of the Advent Wreath-The Candle of Hope
Kitty Myers & Barb Easton

We light the Candle of Hope.

We wait for the One who will tear open the heavens and come down to save us. We watch for the day when God's name will be made known among the nations. We wait in the shadow for the light of the World to appear. Come let us walk in the light of God!

The Hymn of Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1&3)* 9

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

God of Power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountain quake, water boil and star to fall until all nations trembles at your presence! But you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like sound of sheer silence; Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant. Instead you show love made perfect in weakness. So, we will stay alert, or at least we will try because we are you people and there is no other God besides you. Amen

The Response *Prepare the Way (verse 1)* 13

Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, fore told in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

The Special Music *Breath of Heaven* Grant and Eaton

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Peggy Knutson

The Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37

The Sermon "What to Expect" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. **Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer (using sins)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: STUTTGART, 1