



8:30AM & Online | November 28, 2021 | 1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Aina Olonade, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH #196

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

This morning we light the candle of love, to focus our hearts on the meaning of this special season, as well as on the promise spoken by the prophets in the Old Testament.

Speaker 1: Isaiah was a prophet who spoke the word of God. This is what Isaiah said: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness—on them has light shined."

Speaker 2: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

All: "His authority shall grow continually and there shall be endless peace. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

Let us pray: Thank you Lord, for this candle of love. Let the light of Christ and the love of God shine in our hearts this Advent Season. Amen.

RESPONSE

Waiting for Hope

Verse 1

Out of the depths we cry to you
O Holy One hear us
Held to our sin, God who could stand
We come for forgiveness
O Holy One, hear us

Verse 2

Always with you, unfailing love
O Holy One, hear us
So we hold you in love and awe
We come for forgiveness
O Holy One, hear us

Refrain

We wait in hope for your word
More than watchmen for the morning
We wait in hope for your word
And the dawn is never failing

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ADVENT CREED

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see.
 Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!
 We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light,
 true God and true human.
 He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!
 We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us;
 Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:
 Mentor of all creation!

— written by Lisa Frenz, in Word of God Come Be With Us:
 An Advent Order for Holy Communion, and posted on Lisa's Liturgies

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH #216

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 9:1-9
 Luke 3:1-6 *The Word of God for the people of God!*
Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY Angels We Have Heard on High (*Refrain Only*) UMH #238
 Glo - - - ria, in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!

MESSAGE Advent Week One: Prophets Rev. Kim Kinsey

GIVING TALK AND PRAYER

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***HYMN** Emmanuel TFWS #204

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Aina Olonade, organ
You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude.

LAY READER:

**please stand if you are able*

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