

ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We gather together...

INTROIT: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: *Bonnie and Bryce Nelson*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,

**“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that God may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**O people of God, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD;
and in this light let us worship our God!**

(from Isaiah 2:2-5)

***HYMN #126:** *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:2-5 (*Old Testament pages 631-632*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 122

Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14 (*New Testament page 162*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44 (*New Testament pages 27-28*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

*CONFESSION

Prepare the way of the Lord!
Let us make our confession to God.

Merciful God, always with us, always coming:
We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.
**We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.
Forgive us, God.**

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.
Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for Christ's coming.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news of our Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.
**Thanks be to our Advent God, who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN #123: *How Shall I Receive You

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

HYMN #130: *Come, You People of the Promise*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS TO GOD

Announcements

Offering

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

HYMN #121: *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex. Welcome!*

GREETERS: Kendall Magnuson and Stephanie Nelson

ACOLYTES: Wes and Catelyn

READERS: Tom and Linda Morris

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Todd Johnson

USHER:

COFFEE SERVERS: Dick and Carol Sundholm

LIVESTREAM: Catelyn

