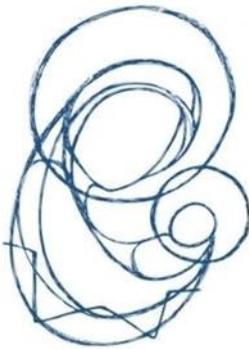


# H O P E



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

November 28  
First Sunday of Advent

*Abiding Presence*

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A PLACE OF GRACE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

# Welcome to Worship

*Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.*

## Prelude

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
Shelbie Simmons, organ

J. S. Bach

*Stand*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

☒ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

☑ Amen.

☒ Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

☒ God for whom we wait,

☑ in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

☒ God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ☩ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

☑ Amen.

## Gathering Hymn

## *Savior of the Nations, Come*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version  
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524  
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## Advent Wreath

Matt & Valerie Dillon

*Listen to the Hope we find in Christ.*

*We light the first candle of Advent*

Let us pray. God of Hope,

In this new season of Advent you give us the call to be watchful and wait with hope. Guide us to always be ready for you and to stay close to you in prayer and relationship. Give us patience and hope when the world doesn't look like the world we are used to. Give us signs of your presence to remind us that even though our world may change or pass away, you and your word are eternal. Amen.

## Sing Together

*He Came Down*

He came down that we may have hope;  
He came down that we may have hope;  
He came down that we may have hope;  
Hallelujah forevermore.

Sit

## Welcome and Announcements

### First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 25

Scott Soper



### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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## Children's Message

*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

### Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

☒ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

☒ The gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

### Sermon

Steve Cox, Senior Pastor

Stand

## Hymn of the Day

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

*Refrain*  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## Nicene Creed

☐ Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

☑ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

▣ In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

Each petition ends:

▣ Hear us, O God.

▣ **Your mercy is great.**

▣ God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

▣ **Amen.**

## Sharing God's Peace

▣ The peace of Christ be with you always.

▣ **And also with you.**

*Greet one another with a sign of God's peace saying **Peace be with you** or similar words.*

*Sit*

## Offering Message

## Offering Music

*O Magnum Mysterium*

Evan Ramos

*O great mystery, And wonderful sacrament,  
That animals should see the newborn Lord Lying in a manger.*

*Amen. O great mystery. Amen.*

Sanctuary Choir

Stand

## Offertory Response

*Christmas Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures  
here be low. Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise  
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. No-el, No-el! No-el,  
No-el! Born is the King of Is-ra-el!

## Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

☑ Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!— God of hosts, by all a-dored! Heav'n and earth can-



not con - tain— All the glo - ry of Your name! Hail Ho-san-na! God most High.—



Blest is he who now draws nigh— In the name of God the King! Hal - e - lu - jahs



glad we sing: Hail Ho-san-na! Prais-es due Be for - e - ver, Lord, to you.

## Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☐ Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☑ With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

☑ **Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

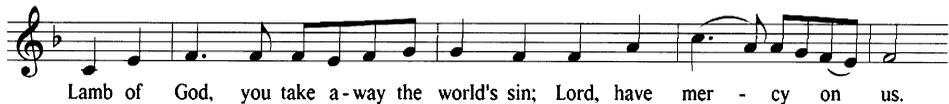
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God



*Stand*

## Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

Amen.

## Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

## Sending Hymn

## *My Lord, What a Morning*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

## Dismissal

- Go in peace. Christ is near.
- Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*  
Shelbie Simmons, organ

arr. Paul Manz

## Serving in Worship

<b>Lector</b> Matt Dillon	<b>Assisting Minister</b> Jenny Guerrero	<b>Sound</b> Linda Janszen
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