

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

10:45 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OUR FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Romans 5:1-5

Unison Prayer: When shall it be, O God, that the wilderness shall blossom as the rose and the rough places be made plain? When shall your glory arise among your people? When shall strife and warfare cease and your love reign? Renew our hope and quiet our fears. Revive us in this time of worship. O God of promise, visit us and lighten our darkness, we pray. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE *Light the Advent Candle* No. 2090, vs 1
Black Hymnal

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN *The King Shall Come* See Screen
When Morning Comes
(Tune of #198, Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God of Advent hope, how hard it is to wait for you. We long for the stillness of a holy night and eagerly want to feel again the hope that the birth of the Christ child brings. We look forward to your coming, yet dread it at the same time for there is much that is revealed in the light of your presence. We have harbored resentments, cherished possessions, ignored others and defended our errors. Loving God, may your coming in Jesus bring a lasting hope and a restored life. Teach us to wait hopefully and expectantly as we make our silent confessions (*silent confession*).

SUNG RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 211, vs 1
Red Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *O Come to Set Us Free*

Advent Theme: Picture This

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON *A Picture of Waiting*

*HYMN *People Look East* No. 202, vs 1, 3-4
Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING Doxology No. 94, Red Hymnal
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INVITATIONS TO ACTION

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* No. 664, vs 1
Red Hymnal

*POSTLUDE

Participants in worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Rev. Claire Douglass, Children's Time

Jack & Sherry Malone, Readers

Chancel Choir, Music; directed by Stephanie Klein; Marilyn Silvester, piano

Sue Lundeen, Organist