

Sunday December 1, 2024,  
Advent One  
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome  
Family Life and Work  
Family Celebrations  
Lighting of the Christ Candle:  
Acknowledgement of the Land:

Advent Candle Lighting: Hope is a Star  
Eric and Owen

VU 7 vs 1

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.**

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.**

One: On this first Sunday of Advent, we come with hope as a community of faith.

**All: We watch, we wait, we wonder.**

One: We come in hope for God's promise to bring light to this world.

**All: We wait in hope for the coming of Jesus, the Christ child.**

As we light the first candle in our wreath, we take a moment to breathe in the Spirit of hope

Let us pray:

**God of hope, on this first Sunday of Advent, fill us with hope for the world  
and for the church, knowing that Jesus, the Christ child, brings the light of  
hope Amen.**

Introit: See Amid the Winter's snow

VU 76 vs 1

**See amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender Lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years.**

**Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;  
hail, redemption's happy dawn;  
sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Call to Worship:

As the season of Advent dawns,  
**new light begins to shine forth.**

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus in a manger,  
**we ready ourselves for the coming of the Light.**  
Come, worship Christ who became one like us  
**so that we might become like Him; him who taught us to say,**

### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VU 1 vs 1,2,6,7

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lowly exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who orders all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go. R**

**6 O come, O Dayspring, from on high,  
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight. R**

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
and be for us the Prince of Peace. R**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Children's Time:

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

Gradual Hymn: In the Bulb There Is a Flower

VU 703

- 1**     **In the bulb there is a flower;  
          in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
          butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
          there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
          something God alone can see.**
  
- 2**     **There's a song in every silence,  
          seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
          bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
          what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
          something God alone can see.**
  
- 3**     **In our end is our beginning;  
          in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
          in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
          at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
          something God alone can see.**

We Listen

Meditation: Aware

We Respond

Musical Offering: Troublesome Carol

Offertory: All Poor Ones and Humble

VU 68 vs 1

**1 All poor ones and humble and all those who stumble,  
come hastening, and feel not afraid;  
for Jesus, our treasure, with love past all measure,  
in lowly poor manger was laid.  
Though wise men who found him  
laid rich gifts around him,  
yet oxen they gave him their hay,  
and Jesus in beauty accepted their duty;  
contented in manger he lay.**

**Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him;  
our service he ne'er can despise;  
whose love still is able to show us that stable,  
where softly in manger he lies.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Closing Hymn: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VU 31

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, then, most holy,  
a lamp within my breast,  
to do in spirit lowly  
all that may please you best.**
- 2 Love caused your incarnation,  
love brought you here to me;  
your thirst for my salvation  
procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling,  
that led you to embrace  
in love all loves excelling  
our lost and fallen race.**
- 3 A glorious crown you give me,  
a treasure safe on high,  
that will not fail nor leave me  
as earthly riches fly.  
My heart shall bloom forever**

**for you with praises new,  
and from your name shall never  
withhold the honour due.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: Go Now in Peace

VU 964

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the love of God surround you everywhere,  
Everywhere you may go.**