

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

**WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME
HERE.**

**ADVENT IS A TIME OF PREPARATION, A PERIOD FOR EACH OF US TO EXAMINE OURSELVES
IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD AND WILL — AND TO TURN TO GOD FOR FORGIVENESS AND
REDEMPTION.**

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(\* ) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT
TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

DOTTIE HAASE, LAY READER

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING ANTHEM: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE

**“HOPE IS LIKE A CANDLE BURNING IN THE NIGHT. HOPE PAINTS EVERY SHADOW WITH ITS
GENTLE LIGHT. GLOWING LIKE A PROMISE TILL OUR FAITH IS SIGHT, HOPE IS LIKE A CANDLE
IN THE NIGHT. PEACE IS LIKE SWEET MUSIC SOUNDING PURE AND STRONG — SINGING
SONGS OF COMFORT WHEN THE NIGHT IS LONG. TURNING DRUMS OF HATRED INTO HEAVENS
SONG, PEACE LIKE SWEET MUSIC PURE AND STRONG. JOY IS LIKE A FLOWER BLOOMING IN
THE SOUL, SENDING FORTH ITS FRAGRANCE TO HEAL AND MAKE US WHOLE. AND WHEN
BITTER WINDS ARE BLOWING, WHEN BIRDS REFUSE TO SING, JOY CAN TURN OUR WINTER
INTO SPRING.”**

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***OPENING HYMN: #164 ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME**

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CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LEADER: WE COME TO PRAISE OUR LORD AND GOD.

ALL: GOD WILL LIFT UP THOSE WHO ARE DESPISED BY THE WORLD.

LEADER: THE HUNGRY WILL BE FILLED.

ALL: STRANGERS WILL BE WELCOMED.

LEADER: WICKEDNESS WILL BE BROUGHT DOWN.

ALL: WE REJOICE THAT MERCY WILL TRIUMPH.

LEADER: WE AWAIT THE ADVENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE. IN JOY WE COME. IN JOY
WE WAIT.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: GOD OF ALL THE EARTH, YOU VISITED THE WORLD WITH YOUR WORD AT THE
BEGINNING OF TIME, SETTING IN MOTION THE UNIVERSE. AND NOW YOU VISIT THE WORLD
AGAIN, YOUR WORD MADE FLESH. IT IS MORE THAN WE COULD ASK, MORE THAN WE
DESERVE, AND MORE THAN WE CAN UNDERSTAND. WE OFFER OUR PROFOUND THANKS AND
OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE. AMEN.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE
BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.**

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ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: ISAIAH 7:10-16

SERMON: “ISAIAH ONCE MORE”

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

***HYMN: #122 COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS**

CHARLES WESLEY, 1744; ALT.

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR
GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN**

