

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: Keep awake! Be watchful! The Son of Man is coming with great power and glory. Hold your heads high, for your salvation is near.

We light the first Advent candle reminding us how God's promised Messiah will break into our time and space to show us the way of salvation. May we stay alert for his coming.

(Light the first Advent candle)

Come, Lord Jesus.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Opening Prayer

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, give us eyes to look and wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Psalter – Psalm 25:1-10 Hymnal, Page 756, Response #2

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*Gloria Patri #70

Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*Gospel Reading – Luke 21:25-36

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People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children Message

Sermon – “High Alert”

Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

Dedication of Prayer Shawls

Bless, O Lord, these shawls made with prayer. May they be a source of warmth and comfort to those who are in need. May the love with which they were made be wrapped around those who receive them. This we pray in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Offering & Offertory *My Lord What a Morning* Traditional
Hugh Martin, soloist

*Doxology (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting C)

*The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*