

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Melinda Russell, Organist

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Keep awake! Be watchful! The Son of Man is coming with great power and glory. He shall judge the nations; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. We light the first Advent candle reminding us that God's promised Messiah will break into our time and space to teach us his ways that we may walk in his paths of righteousness and peace. May we stay alert for his coming.

*Light the 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.

## PROCLAMATION

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

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

### \*Psalter Reading – Psalm 122

Hymnal, Page 845

### \*Gloria Patri #70

### Epistle Reading – Romans 13:11-14

### \*Hymn #206

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

### \*Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:36-44

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

### Children's Message

Sermon - "Prepare the Way of Peace"

Pastor Alan

## RESPONSE

### \*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

### 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 (UMH, #890)

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Offering & Offertory

### \*Doxology (UMH #95)

## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

### \*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

### \*The Lord's Prayer

### Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Hymn #569

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*