



**First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021**

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long. (Psalm 25:5)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship for Advent

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: I will say it again: Rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: The Lord is near.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

People: Let us worship God!

Praise and Prayer

The Lord, Our God

CCLI #6518055 | Jason Ingram and Kristian Stanfill
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Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Hope

Here Comes Heaven

CCLI #7103161 | Aaron Robertson, Chris Brown, and Steven Furtick
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Announcements

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leave their donations in the offering plates in the Narthex.)

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Promise of a Future

Song of Response

Waiting Here for You

CCLI #5925663 | Chris Tomlin Jesse Reeves Martin Smith
2011 Six Steps Music

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Song

O Come to the Altar

CCLI #7051511 | Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye
@ 2015 Be Essential Songs

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Blessing

Postlude

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

Scripture for Meditation

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Prelude

Wake, Awake
(Emma Lou Diemer)

Welcome and Announcements

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Opening Hymn

The King Shall Come
(verses 1, 4, & 5)

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath - HOPE

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season; and we let the troubles and worries of this life crowd out our hope in You. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem
(verse 4)

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O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps!

(Andre Thomas)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Promise of a Future

Musical Reflection

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(Paul Manz)

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Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Lord's Supper

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Savior of the Nations, Come

(Camil van Hulse)

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the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Closing Hymn

When the King Shall Come Again

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Benediction

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon

(Crouch/Burkhardt)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Sermon & Communion
Worship Leader/Liturgist
Scripture Readers

Worship Band (9:30)

Pianist (9:30)
Director of Music
Organist/Pianist (11:00)
Anthem (11:00)

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Luke Stoner, Pastoral Intern
Cathy Burnham (9:30)
Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Carl Tobias (electric guitar)
Matt Parks and Erik Sealund (vocals)
Jim Peterson
Ruth G. Heald
Sharon Peterson
Village Church Choir

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Questions for Reflection

Opening Questions:

1. When was a time when you wanted to return home and circumstances didn't allow it?
2. What is a promise that you made in your life that was easy to keep? Hard to keep?

Digging into the Text:

1. Advent is a form of a Latin word that means arrival. Spend some time listing all the ways in which God has arrived/shown up in the scriptures? Where has God shown up in your life?
2. What is the promise that Jeremiah is referring to in vs. 14?
3. What is the righteous Branch Jeremiah mentions in vs 15?
4. When we talk about sin, we tend to think of it in personal terms; the way we treat one another, the words we say, the immoral choices we make. In the Old Testament, we see the impact of sin on the way a society functions through its leadership, governments, and rulers. Systemic sin is just as powerful and sometimes more consequential.
 - a. What are some examples of the ways in which governments don't execute justice and righteousness?

Life Application:

1. When was a time that you needed to wait for God to act in your life?
2. Where in your life do you need some reassurances that God is with you and hasn't abandoned you?
3. When thinking about the text this week, where have you noticed God showing up at just the right time?