

ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER FIRST, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

“It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.”

Anne Frank

PRELUDE “And He Shall Come: 1. Watching For the Lord”
Don Hart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #113 Pilgrim Hymnal “Creator of the Stars of Night”
You may rise in body or in spirit.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of night's shadows and anguish,

Many: We pray earnestly to experience your presence.

One: As dawn slips into the horizon and relieves night of its reign,

Many: We pray earnestly to sense your presence.

One: As daylight grows into noontime, filled with the glow of sun's light,

Many: We pray earnestly to know your presence.

One: We join our hearts now to worship in Advent hope.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT
THE HOPE CANDLE
Monica & Gavin Corey

THE ADVENT WREATH SONG

*Light the Advent candle one.
Now the waiting has begun.
We have started on our way,
Time to think of Christmas day.*

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*Candle, candle burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night.
Candle, candle burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 862)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREET ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OF CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

THE PRAYERS

THE MESSAGE “Hopeful Foundation” Rev. Charley

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” Dan Forrest
Chris Mish, *Trumpet*
Please see congregational insert.

DOXOLOGY #778 New Century Hymnal

Old 100th

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done:

Creator, Christ and Spirit One.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN (See Insert) “Come to the Table”

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THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

SERVING OF THE MEAL

“Advent Suite” Paul A. Tate

Please come forward to receive communion down the center aisle. You may dispose of your cup as you return via either side aisle.

UNISON PRAYER OF COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

God of our broken places and true selves, we give thanks for this sacred feast. We begin again, hopeful and free. May this communion with you and each other be a deep reminder: all things and every moment are a gift. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Ding Dong Merrily On High” Molly James

Chris Mish, *Trumpet*

Today’s service is being live streamed. Your likeness or comments may be shared.