



November 28, 2021 – 1st Sunday in Advent

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

MUSIC FOR SETTLING

WELCOME

PRELUDE..... "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 1 verse**#207**
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ADVENT WREATH – Candle of Hope..... 2021 Confirmants: Aiden & Logan Adams, Lance Mays

VOICE - Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the **hope** we have in Christ. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

VOICE - On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

VOICE - As followers of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

(Light the First Candle)

Prayer of Hope: **Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.**

ADVENT SONG "Peace, Peace, Peace" Verse 1 this week.....**Song Sheet**
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❖**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Jesus, Our Coming Lord and King, we confess that we stand in constant need of Your grace — Your unmerited favor. Your unearned love. Your undeserved forgiveness. You have surprised us in Christ by meeting our need. We confess we need you still. Help us more and more to surprise you and ourselves by our growing desire to follow your lead and to obey you. Let your grace cleanse us from all past guilt, deliver us from current struggle, and redeem us from future sin. (Silent Prayer) In Jesus name, Amen.

❖**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖**AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The hope and peace of the Christ be with you! And also with you!
You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of grace and peace this day.

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

❖**RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" Henry W. Greatorex (Public Domain) **#620**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hope for Everyone" Patricia Lind, Cheryl Elliott, & Lisa Wroth
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SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

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MESSAGE *The Wonder of His Hope* Rev. Tassie Green

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖**HYMN** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" **#187**
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❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR RESOURCES AND OUR ENERGY

RESPONSE "Doxology" Genevan Psalter (Public Domain) **#623**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND SERVE

❖**HYMN** "Good Christian Men Rejoice!" **#214**
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❖**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Reprise of "Good Christian Men Rejoice!"