



You are
the God who
saves me.
I put my hope
in you all day long.

—PSALM 25:5

HOPE

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES & CANDLE LIGHTING

John & Lynn Tieken

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in days to come . . .

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;

**nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist, Lynn Tieken

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives,
ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

— Word —

