He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the steadfast love of the Lord, let us pray for the fulfillment of God's promises, saying: Emmanuel, come; *O come and save us.*

... to stand before you, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven... debts/debtors... Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE #92

While We Are Waiting, Come

Invitation to Offering

*Doxology #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.

— Sending—

*Hymn #105

People, Look East

*Blessing and Charge



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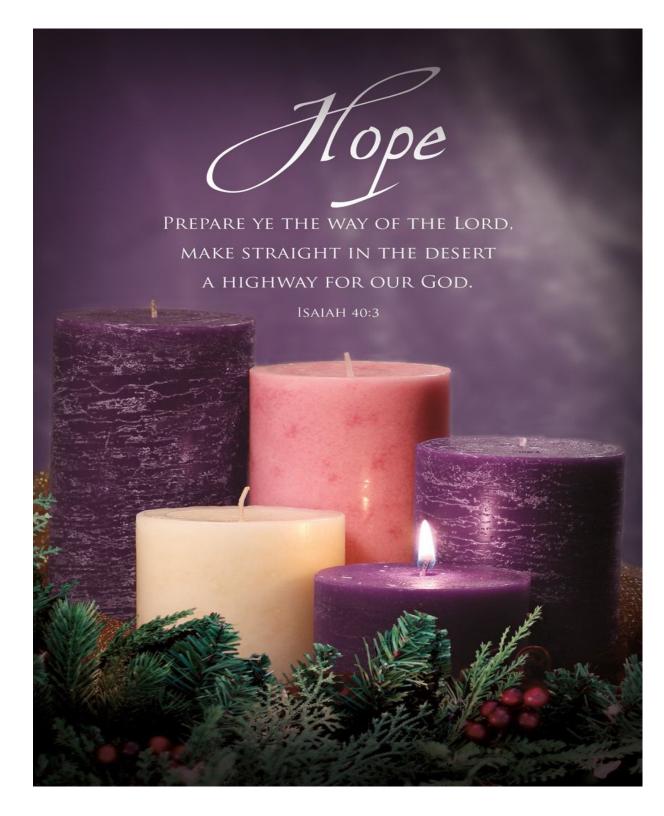
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Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences





Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

— Gathering —

PRELUDE WELCOME If I Had a Hammer

Worship Ensemble Rev. Michele Goff

John and Lynn Tieken

Candle Litany

The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,

we pray for holy hope of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Hope.

INTROIT

When God is a Child

Worship Ensemble

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

***Opening Sentences**

When will God's promise be fulfilled?

The days are surely coming.

When we will be saved?

The days are surely coming.

How will we know the signs to take place?

The days are surely coming

when a branch from David shall come forth to execute justice and righteousness in the land.

What shall it be called?

The Lord is our righteousness.

*Hymn #357

The Days Are Surely Coming

Call to Confession

In humility let us confess our faults

to the Voice who proclaims our forgiveness.

Coming Christ,

you may not find us as you hoped.

We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see.

We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear.

We are numb to inconvenient truths.

Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors.

Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue.

Sharpen our minds clouded by worries.

Sober our lives addicted to privilege.

Show us the signs of your coming,

that we may stand before you, the Son of Humanity,

in whose name we pray.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 Bible p. 694, LG p. 903

A voice is crying in the wilderness: Listen to the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Bible p. 192, LG p. 246

Listen to the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36 Bible p. 80-81, LG p. 104-105

The Spirit of the Lord is speaking. Hear the word of the Lord.

Heaven and earth will pass away but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Advent 1: Disruption, Part 2

Ascription of Praise

— Response—

*HYMN #350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God.