

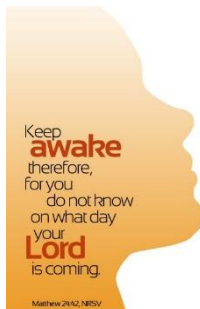
November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Lighting of the Advent Candle for Hope (please remain seated)

Reader One When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. Many people in this city and around the world will go to bed hungry tonight...

Reader Two When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, everyone saying, "Buy, buy, buy!" - and someone somewhere will fall asleep out in the cold tonight...

Reader One In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

Reader Two In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope...

Light the first candle in the Advent wreath.

Reader One Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming on earth as it already is in heaven.

Reader Two Friends in Christ, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

All: **God of Hope, we seek you. During this holy season of Advent, help us to see you in all whom we encounter. Amen.**

Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

God without beginning and without end, your promise comes to us, bringing hope. May we in turn come to your mountain, bending our swords and spears, seeking instruction, and walking in your light; in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

Musical Meditation

Processional Hymn #114 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Text by John Cennick, Charles Wesley, Martin Madan

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| 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign. | 2 Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply
grieving, shall the true Messiah see. |
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3 Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O
come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Greeting

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

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Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison [Michael Leach]

Cantor Kyrie eleison.

People **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Cantor Christe eleison.

People **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

Cantor Kyrie eleison.

People **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of peace, give us grace to cast away the way of the world and put on the kingdom of God; so that on the last day, when your Son Jesus shall come again to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to eternal life; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 2:1–5

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Paraphrase from Scottish Psalter, 1650

1 I joyed when to the house of God
go up, they said to me.
Jerusalem, within thy gates
our feet shall standing be.

2 Jerusalem our city is
firm built and strongly stands;
unto that place the tribes go up,
pilgrims from all her lands.

3 Pray that Jerusalem may have
peace and felicity:
let them that love thee and thy peace
have still prosperity.

4 Therefore I wish that peace may still
within thy walls remain,
and ever may thy palaces
prosperity retain.

5 Now for my friends' and brethren's
sakes
"Peace be in thee," I'll say;
and for the house of God our Lord
I'll seek thy good alway.

Second Reading:

Romans 13:11–14

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #107 “Prepare the Way”

Luke 3:4,6; paraphrase by Taizé Community (France)

Prepare the way of the Lord,
prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see
the salvation of our God.

Repeat as needed.

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 24:36–44

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

³⁶ [Jesus said,] “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour . . .”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Speaker: Peter Mentis, FaithWorks

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader In joyful expectation, we pray.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #109 "When the King Shall Come Again"

Text by Christopher Idle

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| <p>1 When the King shall come again,
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated,
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.</p> <p>2 In the desert, trees take root,
fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest
fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!</p> | <p>3 Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping!</p> <p>4 There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean,
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!</p> |
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The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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Celebrant It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of your creation.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Michael Leach

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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Celebrant Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer [Michael Leach]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread #5

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Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

O Lamb of God [Hymn #690]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the ushers pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
 - **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
 - **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
 - **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
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Communion Hymn #106 “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

Isaiah 40:3–11; paraphrase by James Lewis Milligan

1 There’s a voice in the wilderness
crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

3 But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a
shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you’ll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

2 O people, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

Repeat verse 1

ADVENT MEDITATION

Hymn #95 "O Come, Divine Messiah"

Text by Simon-Joseph Pellegrin;
translation by Sister Mary of St. Philip

1 O come, divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.

2 O Christ, whom nations sigh for,
whom priest and prophet long
foretold,
come, break the captives' fetters,
redeem the long-lost fold.

Refrain:

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to
earth.

Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O come, Divine Messiah;
the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away.

Refrain

3 O come in peace and meekness
and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness
shall we your Godhead see.

Refrain**Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the isolation of sin to the light of holiness, so that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant Christ the light of our lives shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the Blessing of
God, creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be upon you now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #111 “Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement”

Text by Moir A.J. Waters

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| <p>1 Herald! Sound the note of judgement,
warning note of right and wrong,
turning us from sin and sadness,
till once more we sing the song.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!</p> | <p>3 Herald! Sound the note of pardon!
Those repenting are forgiven;
God restores the wayward children,
and to all new life is given.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!</p> |
| <p>2 Herald! Sound the note of gladness!
Tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!</p> | <p>4 Herald! Sound the note of triumph!
Christ has come to share our life,
bringing God’s own love and power,
granting victory in our strife.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!</p> |

Dismissal

Subdeacon Followers of Jesus, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Serve the World God Loves!

People **Thanks be to God, Amen**

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Today’s Scripture Readings	Next Sunday’s Scripture Readings
<p>First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:36-44</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 Rom 15:4-13 Mt 3:1-12</p>

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

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We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.



Today we are learning about FaithWorks

A Prayer for FaithWorks

We pray for all those who work within the FaithWorks family of support. We pray that our gratitude for their work may enrich their lives and sustain their energies for the great work that they are called to do.

We pray for all those whom they assist that their lives may be renewed for full participation in the human family.

We pray for the success of the FaithWorks fundraising campaign that we, too, may be given a chance to be those hands that do the work of saving lives and offering hope for so many. Help us to be as generous as possible, especially in this time when we are made aware of what it is to be alone, in need, and fearful of the future.

May the eyes of our hearts be always open to the full humanity of all.

Heavenly Father, we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who is alive with You and the Holy Spirit, today and forever.

Amen

Information packages with donation envelopes for FaithWorks are available at the Welcome Desk.