

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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(More space for notes may be found on the insert)

ADVENT WREATH

Readings : **Isaiah 64:1-9**
Mark 13:24-37

Congregation: **We wait as people surprised again and again
by God who shakes us out of our complacency and
wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.**

HYMN *Candle of Hope* TUNE #73
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*The candle of hope we light in this hour
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.*

PRAYER *via GBoD/DM Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*

God of justice and peace,
from the heavens, you rain down mercy and kindness,
that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder
before your marvelous deeds.
Raise our heads in expectation,
that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and
stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *Pastor*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Isa. 64:5-8; Ps. 80:2-7 – via FotW

God-with-us,
even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away;
You are hidden when we need you near.
In our hurt, doubt, and fear,
we do not try to draw closer to you;
instead, we lash out—
against you, our neighbor, even those we love.
Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us!
Let your face shine until our tears are dried,
our sins are faded, and our hope is restored.
After all, we belong to you, and
in your hands, we can be made new.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHOIR *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **196**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, guide us by your Word and Spirit
that we might hear your truth, heed your call and
be prepared for Christ's coming this Christmas. Amen.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER *(Mark 13:24-37)* *GBoD/DM*

Great God of wonderful surprises: we enter this season of
preparation for your Son's coming, looking not for just a
memory of past events, but anticipating a return. The master
is near. We strive to get our lives in order and pray that our
giving of ourselves to these preparations might reflect the
earth-shaking importance of his coming. Help us to give
ourselves generously, for we do not know the time -- day or
the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come.
Amen.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymnal Pages 15-16

TMO/PO

As your people gather in homes and churches
to celebrate this season,
let us be reminded of all the reasons we have
to rejoice in you.
Let us be reminded of your protective presence,
of your gentleness and love,
of your peace which passes all understanding.
Guard our hearts and minds this Advent, Savior God,
so we can rejoice over your faithfulness
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Of the Father's Love Begotten* **184**
CHARGE & BENEDICTION

TMO/PO

*We do not leave this sanctuary and leave God behind.
God's call to prepare our hearts, our minds, our communities
and our world for the coming Christ, is clear.
May this call be ever before us: guiding us, inspiring us,
enabling us to be Christ's body – his hands, his feet, his heart
– in this, God's world.
May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with us all, now and forever..*

Amen

POSTLUDE Rick

“This is my
body given
for you;



do this in
remembrance
of me.” Luke 22:19

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