

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" arr. Stephen DeCesare

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Reader: Come, let's climb God's Mountain, let's go to the House of the God of Jacob.

Reader: He'll show us the way he works so we can live the way we're made. He'll settle things fairly between nations. He'll make things right between many peoples. They'll turn their swords into shovels, their spears into hoes. No more will nation fight nation; they won't play war anymore.

Reader: Come, family of Jacob, let us live in the light of God. *Isaiah 2:3-5 The Message*

* **All Singing:** **63 "My Soul in Stillness in Waits"**
Soloist singing first verse, all singing refrain

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The hour has come for you to wake from your slumber.

All: **Because our salvation is nearer now than we first believed.**

Liturgist: The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. *Romans 13:11-12*

* **All Singing:** **476 "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"**
Singing verses 1 – 4

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 480 “Wait for the Lord”**
Following lead of pianist/vocalist

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss –

All: This is true: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Liturgist: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction –

All: This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that life abundantly.

Liturgist: It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever –

All: This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of Peace.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: We enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.

All: Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Liturgist: Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:

All: Jesus Christ – the life of the world.

Advent Credo – adapted, by Daniel Berrigan

Choir: “Freedom is Coming/Siyahamba” South African Freedom Songs

Freedom is coming, oh yes, I know.
Jesus is coming, oh yes, I know.
We are marching in the light of God.

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* **All Singing: 755 “Speak, O Lord”**

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: An Advent Geography: Mountain

* **All Singing: 470 “View the Present Through the Promise”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING November is Stewardship Month. Both offerings will go toward the General Fund.

OFFERTORY "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Charlie Miller

Communion

INSTITUTION THANKSGIVING INVITATION COMMUNION

All Singing: "Until He Comes Again" McCracken
Soloist singing verses, all singing chorus

By this we remember in faith as we gather with bread and wine
We remember until he comes again

By this we remember in hope as we gather with bread and wine
We remember until he comes again

**When he comes again like a thief in the night
When he comes again all the wrongs will be right
O the earth lifted up as heaven comes down
We remember until he comes again**

By this we remember in love as we gather with bread and wine
We remember until he comes again

837 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

931 "We Will Walk with God"
Singing through twice, in English

Sending


* BENEDICTION

Postlude: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" arr. Michael Burkhardt

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Advent:	Hofman Family
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Sandi Nelson
Choir Director / Solo:	David Baar	Prayer:	Dave Larsen
Flutist:	Lynn Hollender		
Violinist:	Frances Boerman-Cornell		
Percussion:	Henry Evenhouse		
	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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