

# First Sunday of Advent

## November 27, 2022

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### Gathering

GATHERING MUSIC

*Traci Bopp, Organist, Pianist*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

*Dave Sippel, Minister of Congregational Engagement*

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### Expansion of Our Hearts

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

The grace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Eager for the coming of Christ, let us enter into the mystery of God's dawning presence among us.

**Loving God, we open our hearts to you, and await your gracious coming.**

In the winter darkness we long for your light.

**We confess our need for your grace, for the sin of our lives and the brokenness of this world.**

Come, O Lord! May your peace dawn on our world.

**Come, O Savior! May your grace be born in our hearts.**

Bless the darkness, that we may wait with hope.

**Bless the silence, that we may listen for your coming.**

Grant us stillness, that with patience and courage we may prepare room in our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.

**Come, O Savior, Come!**

\*GATHERING SONG #290 *(blue)* "As with Gladness Men of Old"

*Emma Patrimonio, Vocals*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(responsive)*

*Bill and Gayle Dunlap, 8:30 & Sam, Donna, Jake and Max Deo, 10 AM, Readers*

Light of God, holy dawn, rising in our midst, awaken us to your promise.

**By your gentle light may we see your hope for the world.**

Light of Christ, rising in our hearts, awaken us to your coming.

**By your growing light, may we see your presence hidden in all things.**

Spirit's light, rising in our world, awaken us to the gift of hope.

**By your transforming light, may we see all things with hearts full of hope, longing for your coming. Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*(Children and Youth are dismissed for their classes)*

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### Hanging of the Greens

INTRODUCTION TO THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

\*SONG #91 *(green)* v.1 "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn"

WREATHS & GARLAND

SONG #91 *(green)* v. 2 "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn"

MANGER

SONG #91 *(green)* v. 3 "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn"

POINSETTIAS

SONG #91 *(green)* v. 4 "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn"

EVERGREEN TREE

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### Reception of God's Word

PREPARATION FOR READING

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 NIV

*2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. 5 Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

MESSAGE "Wise Governance, Really?"

*Dave Sippel*

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## Transformation of Our Lives

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR CONNECTION & CONTRIBUTION

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## Compassion for the World

\*SENDING SONG #244 (*blue*) **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\* Indicates to please, stand, if able.*