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First Sunday of Advent

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to **stand**.)

Approach

Gathering song VU #55– *“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”*

Lighting the Advent Candle

**Light a Candle bright and tall
For the Hope within our world.
Hope that heard the ages’ call
As the stars and planets whirled.
Shine within our hearts today
Come, O Hope to us, we pray**

Call to Worship

One: From places deeply rooted,

All: we gather to light our advent candles.

One: From places yet undiscovered,

All: we gather to sing our advent songs.

One: From places still hidden in plain sight,

All: we gather to read our advent texts.

One: From places tangled with disappointment,

All: we gather to share our advent prayers.

* Opening Hymn – *“People of God, In Expectation Wait”*–see insert

Prayer of Approach and Confession

God of hope be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, be with us in our worship and our praying together, our God of hope. We know that there are many times when our journeys take us far away from you God, when they take us down paths that no longer lead to light, but rather lead to darkness. The empires of our world call out to us to come and many times it becomes so difficult to resist. In this Advent time, help us to remember the hope found in a young couple. The hope that is found in a tiny baby, that we might become people of the stable, rather than people of the empire.

Assurance of Pardon/Passing of the Peace

Duet – *“Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace”*

The Word

📖 Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9
Mark 13: 24-37

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – *“Hope, in today’s world?”*

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *“Carol for Advent”*

The Response

* Offering / Response

**May the Spirit of the Christ Child
show us how in love to live
For the joy and peace of Christmas
is for us to share and give.
May the story of God’s coming,
God with us - Emmanuel,
Fill the world with the light of Christmas
as in awe we do God’s will.**

Communion – see insert

* Closing Hymn VU #62– *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

* Benediction / Commissioning

**Saviour, dwell with us that we may go forth, your light to be.
Send us out, good news to sing;
hope, peace, joy, and love to bring
God incarnate, with us dwell. Come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come, Lord Jesus, don’t delay;
shine your hope through us this day.
Saviour, dwell with us that we may go forth, your light to be.**

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister
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Duet: Laura Steidl & Heather Karavas

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