

**Order of the Worship Service
November 30, 2025, 10:00am
The First Sunday of Advent
Jane Martinez, preaching**

Prelude

Opening Antiphon

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Advent Candle Lighting

*Call to Worship

One: It is the darkest season of the year.

All: Yet we dare to speak of the brightness of God!

One: The times weigh heavy upon us.

All: We are bold to proclaim the hope that lightens the world!

One: Let us worship God.

All: The One in whom and through whom we have joy!

*Opening Hymn 11

O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU?

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, Creating and Redeeming God, your promises are sure and unchanging.

We confess that we live as if hope belongs somewhere “out there”, in a future that may or may not ever arrive.

Forgive, we pray, our lack of faith.

Restore in us the hope that enables us to live into your future, a future that is already taking shape among us through the grace of Christ our Lord.

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service.

The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

All: May we be reminded over and over that we are forgiven people, people who needed that forgiveness. May we live as the dearest of

**siblings in Christ, God's children in hope and joy, in word and deed.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Invitation to Children's Church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation 13

PREPARE THE WAY

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us this day.

Amen

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

"Happy New Year"

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Statement of Faith (in unison)

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come 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 life everlasting.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 2

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

*Blessing