



**1st Sunday of Advent  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon  
November 28, 2025  
9:30am**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Gathering of the People*

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING**

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.

We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God. We light this candle in Hope.

**All: On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Psalm 122

Liturgist: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when God's promises will be fulfilled.

People: **We watch and wait for the light of Christ.**

Liturgist: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

People: **We come with hope, for God is near.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**\*GATHERING SONGS**

"Gather Us In"

Marty Haugen

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Gerard Moultrie

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

In this season of watching and waiting, we are reminded that the light shines in the darkness, yet we often choose the shadows. Christ calls us to stay awake, to be ready, to make room for God's kingdom. Trusting in the God who comes to us with mercy and hope, let us turn from what is broken and turn toward the One who makes all things new. Let us confess our sin together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God, in this first week of Advent we come to you as people who long for your second coming. You call us to keep awake, but we confess that we drift through our days half-asleep to your presence, lulled by routine and distraction. You invite us to walk in the light of the Lord, but we confess that we walk in the shadows of life. We choose comfort over courage, familiar paths over faithful ones. We cling to old habits that do not give life, and we turn away from neighbors when compassion feels costly.**

*Silent Confession*

**Forgive us, Lord. Lift our eyes from the ground so we may see the dawn of your new day. Loosen our grip on fear so we may take hold of your promises. By your mercy, make us people of Advent hope. Renew our hearts and redirect our steps, so that when Christ comes in glory, he may find us watching and waiting, trusting and serving, walking in the light you give. We pray in the name of the One who is our hope, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #813

*The Word*

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, shine your light upon us. Awaken our hope, and lead us into your truth. Amen.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **"Hope Is Like a Light"**

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 24:36-44

p. 676  
p. 982

#### **SERMON**

#### **"Walking in the Light of the Lord"**

Pastor Barbara

*Responding to the Word*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#244

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **CALL TO OFFERING**

The dawn of God's kingdom is near. In gratitude for the hope we receive in Christ, let us offer our gifts and our lives to God.

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, receive these gifts and use them to shine your hope into our world. Make us instruments of your peace, your justice, and your light. In the name of Christ, the Hope of the world we pray. Amen.**

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

#815

*Sending*

#### **\*SENDING HYMN**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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#### **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

## Announcements

**Prayer Concerns** - If you are worshipping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

**Bundles of Blessings** - KMPC Deacons are once again collecting gifts for children and families for Christmas. Please visit the Christmas tree in the connector for details.

**Bible Study:** Monday nights at 6:30pm on zoom.

Topic: Joseph, An Unsung Hero

Zoom address: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82175285260?pwd=2IZEQTJBOTgxCj09rHCb0aQrfwgx1.1>

**Christmas Ornament Crafting** Sunday, December 7 from 1-3pm for ages K thru grade 6. Registration forms are on the table in the connector and on our website.

**🔔The Bells of Kirkpatrick** will be playing the prelude on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Bell choir** meets every Wednesday from 6 to 7 PM. Please join us in the sanctuary for one hour of camaraderie, stress reduction, improved memory, increased creativity and so much more! Want more info?

Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or sharydan@gmail.com.

**Christmas Table Flower Arrangement:** Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> following worship. The cost will be \$45 per person and include fresh flowers in the arrangement as well a light lunch with beverage prior to the class. Class size is limited to 15 people. Please email Norma at [enzimmerman@comcast.net](mailto:enzimmerman@comcast.net) to sign up.

**Staff Vacation:** Chris K.: Monday, Dec. 1, and Thursdays in Dec: Dec 4, 11, 18  
Pastor Barbara: December 28 - January 3 (Pastor Spildooren presiding on Dec. 28)

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