

SERVICE OF THE WORD
The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

10:00AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Richard Warner
(1908-1983)

ADVENT HYMN 469 (blue)

sung by choir I Am the Light of the World
(verse 1)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Hope

Amy, Geoff, River, and Skylar Cook

One: Today we light the first candle of Advent. We kindle it with hope.

All: **The psalmist declared: "I put my hope in You all day long."**

One: We remember that Jesus was sometimes an outsider. We remember those who hope to be welcome in God's house, whoever they are.

All: **God's promises are big enough to wrap around us all, so we are free to offer hope to one another.**

One: Throughout Advent, this candle is our beacon of hope. Please join us in praying:

All: Creator of all light, remind us that hope is more than wishful thinking: it is our commitment to share the light of your love with the world. We put our hope in you, O God. Hear our prayer. Amen.

HYMN 109 (red) Watchman, Tell Us of the Night
sung by choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

ALL AGES TOGETHER

CHORAL ANTHEM Prayer for Peace

David M. Cherwien

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
Dedication of Offering

SECOND LESSON Luke 21:25-28

SERMON Promises, Promises Pastor Small

***HYMN 107 (red)** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
sung by all (vss. 1, 3, & 4)

***COMMISSION**

One: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world, let us remember the three great loves to which our faith calls us:

All: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor as yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that dwells therein.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying J.S. Bach
Zion hears the watchmen singing; / Her heart with deep delight is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
For her Lord come down all glorious, / In grace arrayed, by truth victorious;
Her star is risen, her light is come!
Ah, come thou blessed One, / God's own beloved Son, / Hallelujah!
We haste along, / An eager throng / And glad some join the advent song.
Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. (Pilgrim Hymnal, No.108, stanza 2)

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Louise Dartnell in memory of loved ones.

Our choir today includes Paula Demers, Barbara Morgan, Margaret Serzans, Barb Shaltis, and Larry Shaltis.