



November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent
First Light: Hope at Dawn

~LIVESTREAMED TO FACEBOOK~

We are live streaming today's worship service on Facebook, so we want you to know that your presence here today is your agreement and consent to being part of that recording.

~Please continue wearing your mask while in the Sanctuary~

~Please whisper or mouth words during responsive reading~

~Please remain seated and enjoy listening to the music~

~Offering plates will be located at the back of the Sanctuary~

Silent Meditation

"But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Dale Adelman

Welcome to Worship

One: Welcome everyone, in every space!
Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
ALL: **We welcome you here.**

Opening Comments

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Ringin' of the Bell

Call to Worship (Psalm 50, responsively)

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: O my God, in you I trust.

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

All: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Opening Song "Come Unto Him" from Messiah by Handel

Children's Chat & Blessing Rev. Chelsea Page

Wherever we are seated in the sanctuary or at home,

Each one of us a twinkling light.

Together we form a hopeful constellation
in the dark sky of a predawn morning.

You are the light of the world.

Do not light your lamp to hide under a bowl.

Go forth to Sunday School

To shine your light before all

and give glory to God!

Centering Song "In the Bleak Midwinter," Verse 1

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading (Jeremiah 33:14-16, NRSV)

Centering Song "In the Bleak Midwinter," Verse 2

Gospel Reading (Luke 21:25-36, NRSV)

Centering Song "In the Bleak Midwinter," Verse 3

Reflection "More Than the Countdown to Christmas" Rev. Brent Gundlach

Call to Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the Community

(If you would like to offer a prayer of gratitude or concern for someone or some situation please use first names for security. The congregation will respond to each prayerful offering with the following words:

“Together with God, we hear your prayers.”)

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus Prayer

***Our Creator who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name,
Your reign come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Yours is the reign, the power, and glory for ever. Amen.***

Words of Mission and Benediction

Extinguishing Candles and Taking the Light into the World

Closing Song *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel* *(arr. Kurt Bestor)”*

**Parents, please collect your child(ren) from their teachers in McMullen Hall.
Thank you!**



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Welcome parents! We are glad you and your child(ren) are here. Please begin worship seated together as a family. After Children's Chat, children will walk to Sunday School with their teachers. We have classes for grades PK-2 and 3-6. Please pick up your child(ren) from the McMullen Hall promptly after the service. Thank you!

Participants in Worship:

Slides: Kyla Asmar, Video: Roger Lamoni, Sound: Carl Adams

Reader: Heather Bertotti Sarin, Milner Family, Aubri Kinsey Milner, Noah Rains

Music: Carolyn & Tom Klassen, Children's Chat: Rev. Chelsea Page

PRAYER REQUESTS

The following are offered for your prayers this morning and in the days ahead:

- Prayers of strength and comfort for all those who live in fear of violence.
- Prayers of support and gratitude for our community of caregivers.
 - Prayers of healing for all who are facing health issues
 - Prayers of comfort for all those in hospice care.