

Advent I - Hope  
Sunday, December 1, 2024  
"Making Room for God's Gifts"

Introit **Come All You People** (More Voices 2)

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Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker,  
come now and worship the Lord. *Repeat*

Welcome

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,  
to Jesus be true,  
May God's gracious blessings  
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*tune is Picardie, traditional French Carol, arranged by Mark Hayes*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Today we kindle the Advent candle of hope.

**We welcome the light that pierces the shadows, the light that affirms God's presence, the light that enables us to move forward in faith.**

Come, Holy One, beacon of hope on this Advent journey;  
welcome us as we welcome you.

**We receive the light of hope.**

Choral Response **Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope**  
(More Voices 33)

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Jesus came bringing us hope,  
Jesus came bringing us hope,  
Jesus came bringing us hope,  
hallelujah forever more!

Morning Prayer

Hymn **Come, Let Us Sing** (Voices United 222)

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- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.
- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

A Time to Wonder

Anthem The Yearning  
*words by Susan Bentall Boersma, music by Craig Courtney*

Scriptures Luke 21: 25-36

Reflection "Making Room For Hope"

Hymn of the Day **Eternal, Unchanging We Sing**  
(Voices United 223)

*Words: R.B.Y.Scott 1938*

*Music: Welsh folk song; arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839*

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- 1 Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise:  
your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;  
your servants proclaim the renown of your name  
who rules over all and is ever the same.
- 2 Again we rejoice in the world you have made,  
your mighty creation in beauty arrayed,  
we thank you for life, and we praise you for joy,  
for love and for hope that no power can destroy.
- 3 We praise you for Jesus, our Master and Lord,  
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his word,  
his comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,  
the faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

The Holy Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Christ's Table

The peace of Christ be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**How good it is to give thanks and praise.**

Liturgy

Response **Prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts.  
Prepare the way of the Lord in our world.**

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Prepare the way of the Lord in our world.**

Liturgy

Response **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are shining bright with the glory of your  
light. Loud Hosannas now we sing. In the highest they may  
ring. Blessed is the coming one. Christ Emmanuel your  
son. Glory in the highest. Holy God, your name is  
blessed.**

The Remembrance

The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of Christ's Gifts Chime Solo

Prayer After Communion

**Loving God, we give thanks for the sharing together of  
Christ's gifts to us. During this Advent time, help us to be  
Christmas people, secure in what has come, and hopeful  
for what is yet to be. By your Spirit make us one with  
Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the  
world. Through your Son Jesus Christ, who came bringing  
hope. Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response **Giver of the Perfect Gift**

(Voices United 116, v. 1)

*(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

*Words: from the Latin ca. 11<sup>th</sup> century; trans. John Ellerton 1891*

*Music: adapt. from Orlando Gibbons 1623*

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Giver of the perfect gift,  
only hope of human race,  
hear the prayer our hearts uplift,  
gathered at thy throne of grace.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

Parting Hymn **Will You Come and See the Light**

(Voices United 96, vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

*Words: Brian Wren 1989; Music: Traditional Scottish melody; arr. Valerie Ruddle 1993*

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- 1 Will you come and see the light from the stable door?  
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.  
It will be your guiding star,  
it will show you who you are;  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 2 Will you step into the light that can free the slave?  
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.  
By the pyramids of greed  
there's a longing to be freed;  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 4 Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,  
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?  
When the lowest and the least  
are the foremost at the feast,  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

- 5 Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?  
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,  
and the darkness all about  
is too dim to put it out:  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Benediction

Choral Response **Take up His Song** (More Voices 213)

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Take up his song of hope  
and go into the world  
Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down, in hope,  
lay them down and take up his song.

Postlude **He Shall Feed His Flock**

*G,F, Handel, arr. by Edward Broughton; from the Messiah*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership – Sharon Prindle-Collins and the CBU Choir  
Chime Solo – Margaret Chambers  
Welcome and Announcements – Stephen Godfrey  
Greeters – Erich and Ruth Schulz  
Lighting of the Christ Candle – Grace and Ron Childs  
Morning Prayer – Jane Shumka  
A Time to Wonder – Moira Dennis  
Spirit Kids – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis  
Scripture Reading – Kate Insley  
Communion Servers – Sue Christiansen, Jocelyn Jones, Myrna Pringle, Joanne Thomas and Marie Warner  
Communion Preparation – Sam Boehner and Glenn Davidson  
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey  
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Louise Johnston  
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine