

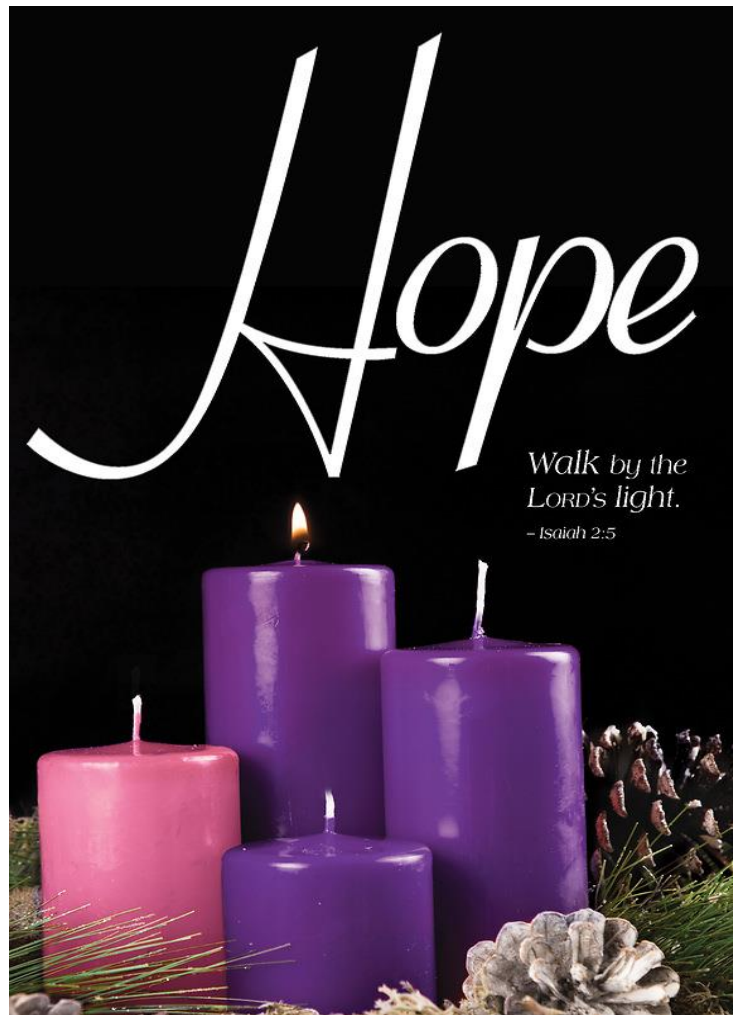
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Pastor Stephen Ernst



First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2020, Year B 10:30 am

PRELUDE: All Earth is Waiting; Julianna O'Leary

WELCOME: Rev. Barbara E. Melzer

LITURGIST: Mark Chenkus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Lois Chenkus and Mark Chenkus

SONG: **Advent Song verse 1**

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Please stand*

Christ shall come, God's gift to the world:

That the desperate shall find hope

That the persecuted should find peace

That the lonely should find love

That the dejected should find joy.

O Christ of the world, your time is now! We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come!

OPENING PRAYER: (*unison*)

O God, in times past we looked for you in heavenly eclipses. We listened for you in howling winds. We learned of you in quaking mountains. Open our eyes that we might witness the appearance of angels. Open our ears that we might hear the testimony of the shepherds. Open our hearts that we might ponder the secrets of Mary. And open our mouths that we might shout the good news of the coming of the Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 1**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *Please be seated (unison)*

Your words, O God, enlighten us. Let them help us prepare ourselves for the coming of the Baby, the Savior, your Son. Amen. †

SCRIPTURE READING: **1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**

GOSPEL READING: *Please stand* **Mark: 13:32-37**

After reading:

L: The Word of God for the people of God **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: **Knowing Salvation** Rev. Barbara E. Melzer

Hymn: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verse 2**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE:

All-merciful, tender God, you have given birth to our world, conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes. We come to you as your daughters and sons, aware of our aggression and anger, our drive to dominate and manipulate others. We ask you to forgive us, and by the gentle touch of your Spirit, help us to find a renewed sense of compassion that we may truly live as your people in service to all. Amen. †

(Time of silence)

God knows your inner most thoughts and feelings and loves you. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is above all and in all, you are forgiven! †

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST: *In a different way!*

HYMN: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** verse 3

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING: Lo How a Rose Er Blooming; Julianna O'Leary

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

We offer these gifts to you: as food and drink for a hungry world; as clothing and shelter for those who are naked and homeless; as kindness and compassion for those who are most in need of mercy.

Transform these gifts, that they might be your hands and feet in the world. Send us forth as your people, that all that we do, and all that we say, may be a glorious representation of our presence in the world.

With gratitude, we pray. Amen. †

HYMN: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** verse 4

BENEDICTION:

Go in anticipation of God's grace and mercy. Go in in anticipation of Jesus' love and forgiveness. Go in anticipation of the Holy Spirit's presence in comfort and hope. God in peace. Amen.

Please remain seated for the Postlude. Thank you.

*POSTLUDE: Run to Bethlehem, M. McDonald; Julianna O'Leary

Food Pantry: Sundays, 12 - 2 pm

**Pastor Steve is available for pastoral care visits,
meeting at the church, homes, or other locations.**

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Our Pastor and Our Entire Congregation.
All of the NYAC staff and Cabinet.
Our Ministry and Churches around the World.
The Sick and those who continue to care for them.
Those who give their lives for our Country and
who protect us every day.
All people, animals, and communities of the world
as God created them.

THOSE OF SPECIAL CONCERN AT THIS TIME:

Maria Arleth, Gail Bamford, John Bamford, Donna Marie Blanche,
Jean Bleibtrey, Carol Boeck, Ken Bonal, Pete Buhler,
Gabiella and Gavin Butz, Lorraine DeCarolis, Doris, Terri & John Doyle,
Tracie Dedrick, Deborah Dunkle, Kay Egan, Beth Finn, Kay George,
Pastor Paul and Gloria Gingrich, Melissa and Myriam Godwin,
Mike Goodrich, the family of Sheryl Griffith, Irene Harrison, David Heller, Haley Hines,
Donald Hunt, Ron Jones, Phyllis Keeler, Ralph Keeler, Julien: pray for sweet sleep,
Cynthia Morrison and her sister Cathy, David Muller, Caleb & Grady Nelson,
Carl Pack, Annalise Padley, Gene R. for continued healing, Randall Stewart,
Kathy Stoppenbach, Diane Tanzosch, Nancy Titus, the family of George Thiesen,
Reverend Eric Titus, the family of Skip Tremper Ruth Van Vliet, Taylor Van Voorhis,
Tony and Charlotte Vellake, Mary Lou Williams, Marianne Wolf, and
Louise, Susie, Mary Beth, Bill and Rich

**IN CHRIST'S NAME, WE PRAY.
AMEN.**

Advent Song

(Light the Advent Candle)



1. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, one: Now the
2. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, two: Think of
3. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, three: Think of
4. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, four: Think of
5. Light the Christ - mas can - dles, now: Sing of



wait - ing has be - gun; we have start - ed
hum - ble shep - herds, who filled with won - der
heaven - ly har - mo - ny; an - gels sing - ing
joy for - ev - er - more; Christ Child in a
don - key, sheep, and cow; birth - day can - dles



on our way, time to think of Christ - mas day.
at the sight of the child of Christ - mas night.
"Peace on earth" at the bless - ed Sav - ior's birth.
sta - ble born, gift of love that Christ - mas morn.
for the King, let the al - le - lu - ias ring.

Refrain



Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, shin - ing



in the cold win - ter night; can - dle, can - dle,



burn - ing bright, fill our hearts with Christ - mas light.

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1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
 2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en-sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show
 Si - nai's height in an-cient times once gave the law
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-
 in cloud and maj-es - ty and awe.
 all peo-ples on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.