

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

*Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God

**All: Whose light brings hope to a weary world.**

\*Hymn of Praise Celebration Hymnal # 244  
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison Reading)  
Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

New Testament Lesson Philippians 4:10-13

\*Gloria Patri  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

\*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.

\*Offertory Prayer

Sermon Rev. William Kren  
"And He Shall Be Called: Wonderful!"

Hymn of Preparation Celebration Hymnal # 493  
"Glory to His Name"

Service of Communion  
Uniting in Covenant  
Sharing of the Bread  
Sharing of the Cup

\*Hymn of Going Forth Celebration Hymnal # 83  
"There's Something About That Name"

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response  
"Make Us One"  
Make us one Lord, make us one  
Holy Spirit, make us one  
Let our love flow, so the world will know  
We are one in you, we are one in you.

\*Postlude

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.