

*First Sunday
of Advent*



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You are invited and encouraged to prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation as the prelude is being played. May you hear the voice of God deep within and be strengthened by His presence as you are blessed in every way.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE Melodia Da Chiesa Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign and pass the Friendship Book.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Gene and Sharon Rowser

OPENING RESPONSE** (From the Church of Scotland)

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your world awaits you.
In the longing of the persecuted for justice;
In the longing of the poor for prosperity;
In the longing of the privileged
For riches greater than wealth;
In the longing of our hearts for a better life;
And in the song of your Church:
Expectation is ever present.

**O come, Lord,
Desire behind our greatest needs.
O come, Lord, liberator of humanity.
O come, Lord, O come Immanuel.
Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE**6 (verses 1 and 3) Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (From Kenya. From *A Procession of Prayers*.
Geneva: WCC Publications, 1998.)

Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ the Light of the world. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI** (Hymn 579)

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WE GO FORTH IN HOPE

CLOSING RESPONSE** (From the World Council of Churches)

Let us walk in this Advent season
with hope for the advent of the Prince of Peace,
with joy in God's loving care,
with courage to bring God's peace for everyone in every place.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**2 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

POSTLUDE Postlude in C Spong

**Please stand if you are able

Dial-A-Prayer is a service of our church: the telephone number is 259-2442.

Prayer Chain requests should be made to the church office
258-8133 or foothillpc@gmail.com.

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