



## **First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28, 2021 @10:30 am**

**Liturgist: Linda Morningstar**

**Special Music: The Contemporary Band**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship**

**Chimes:** Hymns

**Organ Prelude**

*"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

J. S. Bach

**Welcome**

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

Children are welcome to use our new "Prayground" space in the Sanctuary (right front section) during the worship service. An adult will be present to assist the children.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to sit close by.

**Advent Candle Lighting** ~ The Tedder Family

Reader 1: Where do we hear hope?

Reader 2: Those who place their hope in the Lord will renew their strength and mount up on wings like eagles.

Reader 3: Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.

**People: Plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope.**

Reader 1: On this first Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to hear hope.  
*(Light the First Advent Candle)*

**Congregational Response**                      Live into Hope                      TRURO  
*Glory to God Hymnal #772, v. 1*

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Hymn**    Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus                      HYFRYDOL  
*Glory to God Hymnal #82*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**First Reading      Isaiah 40:28-31**

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

**Music Meditation**    "People Get Ready"                      Curtis Mayfield

**Children's Moment**

Worship bag supplies, including sermon notes for the kids,  
are available on the worship cart in the narthex.

## **Gospel Reading    Mark 1:1-8**

**1** The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**2** As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

**3** the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

**4** John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Meditation**

### **Prayers of the People & 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.**

### **“Pray for One Another”**

**To encourage all of us to pray for each other, we list here some members and families each week. Here is this week’s list:**

Debbie Gallagher, Jeremy, Jess; Sara & Matt Gard, Audry, Olivia; Sharon Gift; Mary Gimbert; Chris Girard; Nancy Girard, Anna, Jack; Rosemary Glenn; Janis Goddard; Don & Jane Goodwin; Linda Granath.

## **Offering**

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**\*Closing Hymn**

Help Us Accept Each Other  
*Glory to God Hymnal #754 vs. 1, 2, & 3*

BARONITA

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

**Benediction**

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Organ Response**

*"We Gather Together"*

Eduard Kremser (1877)



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