

November 27, 2022, 11am  
First Sunday in Advent

Prelude ~ People Look East ~ Dale Wood

Announcements

Choral introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Christmas comes, but not yet.  
Before we celebrate, let us wait.  
Taking time to remember who is coming,  
Time to prepare our lives,  
Time to look outward in love:  
Christmas waits to come.  
Gently count the days;  
Time to wait and walk with God,  
Time to fill with praise.

Advent Song ~ *Light One Candle* ~ Natalie Sleeth

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.  
He brings hope to every heart. He comes! He Comes!

Lighting Advent Candle ~ Chris Burton

Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What gives you hope?"  
From the voices of different generations, hear their answers:  
My two-year-old son.  
Dogs wagging their tails.  
Talking with young people.  
Kindness from strangers.  
Spending time in the woods.  
Waffles.  
Hands clasped in prayer.  
Social progress.  
The way my son calls everybody "buddy."  
The ringing of church bells.  
Babies trying over and over to take their first step.  
The turning of seasons.  
Christian community.  
Books.  
Friendship with my adult children.  
Advocates for justice.

The sunrise every single morning.

What gives you hope? (*Light candle*) Today we light the candle of hope to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.

From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community. Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

Opening Hymn ~ *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ~ No. 834

Precious Lord, take my hand;  
lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near;  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Prayer of the day

**God of power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all nations tremble at your presence. But you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant. Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness So we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are you.**

Children's time

Presentation of Offering

Doxology ~ No. 606

**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.**

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.**

Anthem ~ Comfort Ye ~ Natalie Sleeth

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

*Psalm 100*

All Lands Summoned to Praise God

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Luke 1:46-56*

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on  
all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts  
of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his de-  
scendants forever."

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Word of God

**The Word of Life**

Message ~ *Worrying, Waiting, Watching, Wondering* ~ Marlene Lang

Music for Meditation ~ *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ~ Meredith Lang

Hymn ~ *People, Look East* ~ No. 105 (verses 1, 4, 5)

People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able;  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Blessing

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* ~ Lani Smith

Coffee Hour

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Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Barbara & Chuck Compher	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
David Cross	Colt Matz	Chase Ewoldt
Stacey MacRae	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Gretchen Randon
Dale Isenberg	Punkie Sinesiou	Renee Ensell

*\*\*Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.  
Thank you for your help! \*\**

Happy Birthday to:  
Nov. 28 ~ Reilly Smith  
29 ~ Craig Smith  
30 ~ Heidi Sturdevant  
Dec 3 ~ Matt Lang, Barbara Taft

### CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 11/27/22

Sunday – Nov. 27	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship ~ Marlene Lang, Guest Preacher
Monday - Nov. 28	7pm Burt Meeting
Tuesday - Nov. 29	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Dec. 1	5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45 Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Dec. 2	10am Coffee and Conversation at North Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – Dec. 4	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship Noon First Sunday Potluck Lunch

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