

2021

*"Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE  
who promised is Faithful"*



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship  
with us today!**

*Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who  
promised is faithful.* Hebrews 10:23

Call Statement:

*"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"*

Mission Statement:

*"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships  
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."*

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**PRELUDE**

Beth Helwagen

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath.  
Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

All: **We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and  
our shield.** Psalm 33:20

*(The candle of Hope is lit)*

Leader: Let us pray: Eternal God

All: **As we await the coming of our Savior, give us the  
courage to hope. Give us grace to see Your plans of  
redemption for our lives, for this community, and for  
the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our  
redemption and Hope. Amen."**

Adapted from an Advent Litany by The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you** *(Wave and/or Honk to each other)*

**HYMN**

LBW #30

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Verse 1

**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 ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

Verse 2

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.

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

All: **Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and believe so we are made ready. For Your Word is coming into this world bringing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Prepare us to receive Him and to see His glory for He is Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord; Who lives and reigns with You along with the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

### LESSONS

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1 - 10

### GOSPEL

Luke 21:25 - 36

### THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

## I Wait for You, Oh God!

### HYMN

LBW #25

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Verse 1

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.

Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

### Verse 2

The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;

Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.

The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.

Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.

### Verse 3

The saints, who here in patience

Their cross and suff'rings bore,

Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;

In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.

### Verse 4

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus now appear;

Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.

With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord to see  
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

### NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

**All: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison**

**All: 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE SENDING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

### **HYMN**

LBW #35

## **Hark the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes**

### **Verse 1**

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.**

### **Verse 2**

**He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.**

### **Verse 3**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.**

**Verse 4**  
**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace**  
**Your welcome shall proclaim,**  
**And heav'n's eternal arches ring**  
**With Your beloved Name.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go and be a witness for the Lord!

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

32nd Annual Nutcracker at the Kuss Auditorium

December 3<sup>rd</sup> & Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm

FIVE of our Faith in Christ Family are in this year's Nutcracker: Heather, Aria, Terra, Eve, and Gabrielle. Tickets are on sale now for the 8:00 pm Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8:00 pm Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> performances. As you have the opportunity, ask them what parts they have and share in their excitement.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS**



The Christmas Card exchange Basket returns and will be in the Narthex. Drop off your Christmas Cards in the basket and they will be sorted alphabetically and be available for pick up the following Sundays. No stamps needed! Worshipping in the parking lot? No problem. Our Santa's Elf will bring your cards inside to drop off for you.

Remember....no cards will actually be mailed so do not include any mail for out of town members or shut-ins. Those cards should be mailed in the usual way.

Boy Scout Troop 311 Christmas Cheer Drive

Help our Troop 311 share Christmas Joy and Cheer this Christmas. Drop off new or lightly used toys, books, and games this Christmas season! Drop of Donations at Faith in Christ on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, on 11-22-21, 11-29-21, 12-6-21! Troop 311 is helping Maiden Lane Church of God's Outreach House to bring Christmas Joy.



See Pastor Jeff for more info or to drop off donations on Sunday mornings or during the week.

Poinsettia order forms are available.

Each poinsettia is \$8.00 and include your payment with the order form.

Orders are due by Next Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>



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**NEXT SUNDAY December 5, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**  
**Malachi 3:1-7b Psalm 66:1-12 Philippians 1:2-11**  
**Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)**

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