

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent    November 27, 2022    9:30am

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Gathering

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

One: The Lord has done great things for us!

**All: And we are filled with joy!**

One: Our God has turned our weeping into singing.

**All: Our tears into songs of joy!**

One: O Christ our God, come anew in our hearts this day.

**All: And remain in us forever.**

\*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"    No. 196

\*Advent Candle Lighting

One: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.  
It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

**All: The prophet Isaiah said, "The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."**

One: The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Greetings you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

**All: We rejoice that we too have found favor with God.**

*(One purple candle is lit)*

One: God's mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation.

\*Opening Prayer

**God of Israel, with expectant hearts we your people await Christ's coming. As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom. For he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading    Romans 13:11-14

\*Hymn    "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"    No. 216

Scripture Reading    Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon    When is Jesus Coming?    Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

\*Closing Hymn    "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"    No. 569

\*Benediction

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**