



Peace United Church of Christ

Worship Resources for the First Sunday of Advent

ADVENT COMMUNION December 1, 2024

*Welcome to Advent! If you have an Advent wreath at home, place it nearby and light it as part of the service.
Also, please prepare the elements for Communion before viewing the service.*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lighting the First Advent Candle HOPE

Prayer: The days are surely coming, God, when your hopes are once again made real in the Righteous Branch that is your Son and our Savior. But first we watch, and wait, preparing to receive him. Be our righteousness, take root in our hearts, we pray. Amen

Scripture Readings Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Luke 21: 25-36

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Gather at the Welcome Table: Advent Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread/Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*For the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body we receive in this meal
and for the hope it plants in us, we give thanks.*

*Encourage us in these shadowy days to seek the light,
and through the long nights of this season,
may your hope carry us until the Dawn arrives once again.
In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen*

Closing Song **“Lift Up Your Heads”**

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here;
Life and salvation doth He bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now! Creator, wise art Thou!

Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, Until our glorious goal be won!
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy Name.

Benediction & Sending Forth