

Peace United Church of Christ



Worship Resources for the First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

*If you have an Advent wreath at home, place it nearby
and light it as part of the service.*

Please prepare your 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

Prayer: *Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy; reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64: 1-9 Mark 13: 24-37

Meditation

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

Advent Communion

Call to the Table

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Holy One, thank you for nourishing us
as we look to the coming of our Savior.
Strengthen us for the journey,
open our eyes to the promise. Amen***

Closing Hymn “Hark the Glad Sound”

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

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim; And Heav'n's
eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.

Benediction & Sending Forth