

**Worship Resources for November 27, 2022**  
**The First Sunday in Advent**



*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 Song    “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

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.

**Lighting the First Advent Candle: The Prophets’ Candle**

**Prayer: *God of the prophets, may we hear hope in the messages of Isaiah and Micah, Jeremiah and Jonah. In despair, they offer hope. In uncertainty, they offer comfort. We give you thanks for the prophets who knew you would send a Savior. Amen***

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Matthew 24: 36-44

## **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 Song      "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.

#### **Benediction**

#### **Threefold Amen**