

Contemporary Worship

9:00 a.m.

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

OF HOPE-Herb & Jane Ramsdell

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME-Debbie Abbott

(Children through 5th grade exit)

RECEPTION OF PRAYER CARDS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

CELEBRATION OF LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING SONG**

***BENEDICTION**

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Hope



*Nations will come to your light and kings
to your dawning radiance. —ISAIAH 60:3*

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Order of Worship

1st Sunday in Advent

11:00 a.m.

We Gather

A quiet time of prayer and preparation for worship.

Lord, the gift of your Word is a light for our path. Help us to study your way and follow your teaching until we know the true Light who has come into the world and will come again in glory: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

INTROIT *“Prepare the Way”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Karen Chapman

Leader: Can you hear it? Can you feel it? Christ is coming!

Ministers: We place our hope in the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, the infant lowly.

Leader: Can you see it? Can you smell it? Christ is coming!

Ministers: We place our hope in a Middle-Eastern child born in poverty.

Leader: Can you taste it? Can you sense it? Christ is coming!

Ministers: We place our hope in an infant born in the margins of society.

Leader: Come, friends, the season of Advent begins.

Ministers: We gather to worship Emmanuel, God-With-Us.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE Robinson Family

***HYMN** *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* p. 82

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Karen Chapman

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Karen Chapman

Loving and merciful God, today we light the candle of hope, a beacon of light that shines in the darkness. Today, we confess the ways we have caused others to feel hopeless. Some feel the hopelessness of hunger because of our greed. Others feel the hopelessness of violence because of our apathy. Still others feel the hopelessness of racism because of our ignorance. Forgive us, gracious God, and be mindful of your mercy and steadfast love, for they have been of old. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ...*(moments of silence)*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Karen Chapman

Leader: Friends, all the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and righteousness. Know that in the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

Ministers: Alleluia! Amen.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Good Christian Rejoice”

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ is born for this! Christ is born for this!

We Hear God’s Word

CHILDREN’S TIME Debbie Abbott

(Children through 5th grade exit)

RECEPTION OF PRAYER CARDS Karen Chapman

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Karen Chapman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16 p. 645

ANTHEM *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 1:26-38 p.832

SERMON *“Communion Meditation”* Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

We Respond

***HYMN** *“Prepare the Way, O Zion”* p.106

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* p.606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

CELEBRATION OF LORD’S SUPPER

**Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Depart to Live and Love as Christ’s Disciples

***HYMN** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* p.88
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

***CHORAL PARTING** *“People Look East”*

*POSTLUDE

**All who are able, please stand*

Calendar

Sunday, December 2	9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Education Hour 11:00 p.m. Traditional Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups
Monday, December 3	1:30 p.m. HR Ministry 6:30 p.m. Scouts
Tuesday, December 4	11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday, December 5	7:00 a.m. Bibles & Bagel 9:15 a.m. Women’s Bible Study 4:30 p.m. And the Story Continues 5:30 p.m. B.E.A.C.H. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Program 6:30 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Traditions Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 6	7:00 p.m. Youth Reno Team 7:00 p.m. Property Meeting
Friday, December 7	9:00 a.m. Bus to Symphony

Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and ...



**In celebration of
Advent
by Dot Quinn**



Remember in Prayer...

Kimberley Aden, Judy Bedillion (Debbie Braden’s mother) Bob and Pam Benson, Charlotte Berglund, Gale and Elaine Boylan, Glenn Conner, Larry & Gerry Cook (friends of Judy Klein), Jose Gonzalez, Carl Heldwein, Bob Hiller, Carolyn and Tom Hopper, Dave Keim, Nancy (Linda Martin’s friend), Katie Meredith, Jack Moore, Josh Moore, Kathy (Larry/Glenyce Payne’s daughter), Merrylin Opendo,

Nolan Perret, Betty Phillips, Bill Salisbury (Tammie Wright’s father), Roger (Judy Schuler’s brother), Robin Soergel, Catherine and Bill Trask

(Names added this week are in bold.)

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**Maryellen Beiletti, Wezi Blunt,
Chris Gesdorf, Ryan Gulick,
Alice Harper, Tod McVey, Bruce Neu**