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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ric Neese

PRELUDE Advent Hymns

SHARING IN OUR COMMON LIFE

Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

INTROIT AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

ADVENT PRAYER

O God, Who gladdens us by the annual expectation of your Son, grant that we may now receive with joy, the Christ, as our redeemer. May we serve You with Purified minds, through His Advent, who with You lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The world says, "All is lost."

Gods says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying"

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

As we light our first Advent Candle,

we pray for holy hope of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Hope.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP "Savior of the Nations Come"
Cheryl Hunter, reader

MESSAGE FROM THE HEART

Becky Cook

SCRIPTURE Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON "And Then Comes God"

Ric Neese

*HYMN #384 "Soon and Very Soon"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL AND LORDS'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,

Whose Daystar shines for us on high,

Whose Spirit brings into our sight

The hope, which to our world draws nigh. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Make us a new creation in Christ; reconcile us to yourself, so that we may bear your message of reconciliation to all the world. Let us use the gifts you have given us to be ambassadors for Christ, ministers of your grace and peace.

*HYMN #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"