



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"What Child is This?"

November 30, 2025

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE –

Aran Garnett-Deakin and Darrell Storholt

We light this candle of Hope for those who need it most.

For all who search for a place to belong.

For all who are frightened by imposing forces.

For all whose future seems uncertain.

Our question at the manger today is this: "For what do we hope in our time that will be 'good news for ALL people?'"

What child IS this?

This is Christ the King who reigns with hope forever.

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL

(Handchimes Choir rings 1 verse, then congregation sings)

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

CONFESSION OF SIN *(Unison)*

**God of night and day, there is no shadow that can
conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will
not bring to light. O God, forgive us our sins, renew
us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings
honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH
The Tree/The Chrismons

GOSPEL* – Luke 2:1-5

Dwayne Kittle

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

"Hodie Veni Christe"

OLD TESTAMENT – Lamentations 3:46-57

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

"King of Kings (Hope)"

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

**God sent the promised Deliverer to God's people.
Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world
as a child, descended from David, conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew
among Jews. He announced to his people the coming
of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.**

HYMN*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

88 (1,6,7)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE, #92, V. 1* *Congregation and Choir*

**While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.**

*To those who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray,
and to all who do not, but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
"Welcome."*