

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 29 November 2020

First Sunday of Advent/United Methodist Student Sunday

ENTRANCE

Lighting of candles and prelude/Selected carols (*Spoken*)

Song: 196 (*Spoken*) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Blessing of the Advent Wreath*:

Christ came to bring us salvation
and has promised to come again.

Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him

Come, Lord Jesus.

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts
to God's love. **R**

That the light of Christ may penetrate
the darkness of sin. **R**

That this wreath may constantly remind us
to prepare for the coming of Christ. **R**

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy
as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, **R.**

**Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits
the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts
and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.**

**Pour forth your blessings upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.**

**May their light reflect the splendor of Christ,
who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(Book of Blessings, U.S.A., 20th cent.)

Lighting of the Advent candle: First Sunday: Isaiah 60:2-3

**We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.**

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Response: 2090 (*Spoken*) (*Verse 1 only*) "Light the Advent
Candle"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for listening ears

First lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalter: 801 (*Response 1*) Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Song: 221 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Gospel lesson: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: "*A little cooperation*"

Joys, concerns, prayers

Recognition of students (*See insert*)

The Lord's Prayer: 895

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 203 (*Spoken*) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Blessing

Postlude and extinguishing of candles

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