

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 27 November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the address pad in your pew)*

*Greeting**:
Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

* Selected Carols

*Opening Prayer**:
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
God of Israel,
with expectant hearts
we your people await Christ's coming.
As once he came in humility,
so now may he come in glory,
that he may make all things perfect
in your everlasting kingdom.
for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Lighting of the Advent Candle >:

FIRST SUNDAY

Isaiah 60:2-3 "For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
"Nations shall come to your light,

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and kings to the brightness of your dawn."

(candle is lighted)

**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.**

Response: 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verse 1

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalter: Page 845 Psalm 122 *(Response 1)*

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

*Hymn of Preparation: 202 "People, Look East"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: "*Starting over*"

Affirmation of Faith: 85 "We Believe in One True God"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation
and love. The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Offering: As forgiven and reconciled people,

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let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/ Offertory

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom All Blessings Flow" 95

*Offering Prayer: 588 "All Things Come of Thee"

*The Lord's Prayer 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 725 (*Tune 408*) "Arise, Shine Out, Your Light
Has Come"

*Dismissal with Blessing: 201 "Advent"

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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