

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13



## First Sunday *of* Advent

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**November 29, 2020**

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:  
Look under “Updates” on our site to join online  
or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted  
enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).  
When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.  
On the phone, dial \*6 to mute or unmute yourself.  
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## Service for the Lord's Day

### *Words of Welcome & Announcements*

***Lighting the First Advent Candle (Hope)***--*The Book of Common Worship, PCUSA*

**We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

**Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

**Call to Worship** (From Psalm 118)

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Many: We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

One: The Lord is God, and He has given us light.

**Many: Bind the festal procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

One: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you;

**Many: you are our God and we will extol you.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Many: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

**Hymn 1** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

***Invitation to Confession*** (From 1 John 2:1,2 )

**If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one.**

**And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but the sins of everyone.**

**Let us confess our sins before God and one another.**

***Prayer of Confession*** (The Book of Common Worship, PCUSA)

***God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.***

***We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.***

***In your mercy forgive us.***

***Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen***

***Assurance of Pardon***

**Response** "Gloria Patri"

***Passing the Peace***

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many: and also, with you.**

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

***Prayer of Illumination***

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Scripture:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (OT), Mark 13:24-37 (NT)

**Sermon:** “While we wait” Rev. Summerville

**Hymn 9** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***Affirmation of Faith*** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Offering*** Checks may be mailed to the church

***Response of Praise*** “Doxology”

***Prayer of Dedication:***

***Because of You, Abundant God, we have blessings to offer to others. May You use our gifts to restore hope to the despairing, to feed the hungry, and to fill the empty hearts of the lonely. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

***Prayers of the People***

***The Lord's Prayer***

**Hymn 12** “People, Look East”

***Charge and Benediction***