

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

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*"The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."*

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

### PRELUDE

Mary Mackie

*What Child Is This...* Anne K. Litkin

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

No. 555

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please pray silently, as the worship leader prays on our behalf):

**Loving God, we confess that as the season of Advent begins, we struggle to feel hopeful and joyful. We hear Your word, telling us that the day is coming when Your promises will be fulfilled, but that time seems so far in the distance. Forgive us, O God, and help us to trust in Your goodness. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jen Spadoni, Nicholas Bronken, Chris Bronken, Susan Sprague

\* Those who wish may stand.

### ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*O Come, Emmanuel...* arr. Alice Parker

Linda Pollard, bells; Richard Dinwiddie, director,

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Anne Swanson

**"The Longing in our Hearts"**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SOLO

Leland Morine

*'Twas on a Cold and Wintry Night...* Jimmy Owens

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \* CLOSING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

No. 2

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Go Now in Peace ...* Don Besig

(Please listen as the Benediction Response is sung on our behalf.)

### POSTLUDE

*Sing We Now of Christmas*