

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

9:30 a.m.

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*"We are living in the time between  
Christ's first and second comings."*

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE Toni DiCapua

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. George Swanson

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 2  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Lou Pennebaker

**Loving God, we confess that in this season of Advent we are more preoccupied with our holiday plans than with our personal preparation. We neglect to receive Your gift of Jesus and His transforming love for us. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to watch carefully, and to hear Your call to us during this time between Christ's first coming and when He shall come again. Hear us now, as we silently confess our sins.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\* Those who wish may stand.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Carolyn & Tunde Olagbaju

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

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

Richard Dinwiddie, director, Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

Linda Pollard, bells (CCLI #20405356)

NEW TESTAMENT READING pg. 1578

Mark 13:32-37

MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. Anne Swanson

**"Expecting the Unexpected"**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 20

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* CLOSING HYMN No. 13

*Prepare the Way*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Hymnal Cover

*Go Now in Peace ...* Don Besig

POSTLUDE

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