



"Loving God, Loving Others, Proclaiming Christ"

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First United Methodist Church of Lombard



First Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 10am

Native American History Month

Lombard First UMC

155 South Main Street Lombard, Illinois 60148



Prelude / Instrumental
Welcoming Words

GATHERING IN PRAYER AND PRAISE

Centering Song Make Way 3044 W&S

*** Call to Worship**
People of the Living God, let us keep awake, for the time is coming.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Siblings in Christ, let us prepare by opening our hearts to God’s words that hope may be born in us again.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Wait, for he is coming. Tend the light, for he is coming soon.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
As we enter Advent, we open ourselves to the light of God.

Advent Candle Lighting

*** Gathering Prayer**
Redeeming Keeper of Promises,
even in their strong words, your messengers remind us that you are the source of peace, righteousness, mercy, and loving kindness. Yours is not a peace with the absence of tension, but it calls us to live into your coming justice. As we prepare for your arrival in your son, Jesus, help us to shine out your radiant love to a world that deeply needs it. Let your love be our guide today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus 196 (UMH)

HEARING THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children’s Moment Chris Smith-Kozlowski, *Director of Children’s Ministries*
Nursery care is provided after the children’s moment. Feel free to check on them anytime in our nursery area.

First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 122	
The Word in Music	<i>Home</i>	C. Tomlin, E. Cash, and S. Cash
* Reading of the Gospel	Matthew 24:36-44	
Witness to the Word	Getting Our House Ready	Rev. Michael Mann

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People
Share a prayer concern on the cards in the pews. Join us in praying the Lord’s Prayer.

Invitation to Generosity
Offertory
*** Doxology #94** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*
Blessing of the Gifts
God of peace and justice, in the past year we have once again witnessed the fruits of war: lives cut short, homes devastated, and hearts broken. We pray to see the day when swords are pounded into plowshares and tanks are turned into tractors. These gifts we give this morning, may they be used to make human hearts ready for peace. Let these gifts provide a place for all to call home. Amen.

*** Hymn of Celebration** Soon and Very Soon 706 (UMH)

*** Charge & Benediction**
Go forth and walk the path of the Lord.
Go forth and live as one instructed in the ways of the Lord.
Take the weapons of your life and turn them into instruments of peace and justice.
Praise be to our God who shows us the way!
Amen. We go to do the work of preparing for God’s peace!

Postlude