



WORSHIP

November 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ CANDLE LIGHTING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Christian Family

❖ HYMN #772 *Live into Hope* (v. 1)

❖ Leader: We no longer have to wait and yearn for God, for God has come.

People: God is near, ever near.

Leader: We no longer have to wait and long to hear from God, for God has spoken.

People: God is speaking.

Leader: We no longer have to wait and imagine the day of our salvation, for the Savior has come to bring hope to the weary.

People: God is here.

Leader: Where do we hear of hope?

People: Those who place their hope in the Lord will renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles.

Leader: Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,

People: plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

❖ OPENING HYMN #102

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Ryan Wallace

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

(Silence for personal confession.)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

❖ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ryan Wallace

❖ GLORIA PATRI (*Glory to God*)

Hymnal #581

❖ THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Rev. Ryan Wallace

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

❖ PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Ryan Wallace

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amelia Smith-Laabenstein

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Amelia Smith-Laabenstein

ANTHEM

The Best of Rooms

Charles Wood

Motet Choir – David Edelfelt, director

Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he comes to feed or lodge,
to have the best of rooms.

Give Him the choice, grant Him the nobler part of all the house,
the best of all's the heart.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

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SONG OF BLESSING – HYMN #774 v. 4 *There is Now a New Creation*

STUTTGART

MEDITATION

Hear Hope

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -- *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

Rev. Kara Smith-Laabenstein

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

TABLE TALK

Rev. Kara Smith-Laabenstein

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Kara Smith-Laabenstein

THE OFFERTORY

Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)
Motet Choir

Amy Grant & Chris Eaton

❖ Doxology

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Kara Smith-Laabenstein

❖ CLOSING HYMN #83

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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❖ THE CHARGE & BLESSING

Rev. Brian Paulson

POSTLUDE

❖ *Those who are able, please stand*