



# WORSHIP

*November 28, 2021*

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## 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-Laubenstein

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Amelia Smith-Laubenstein

**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*

Rev. Ryan Wallace

**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-Laubenstein

**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-Laubenstein

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)*

Amy Grant & Chris Eaton

Motet Choir

❖ **Doxology**

(Traditional, Hymnal page 592)

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

Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein

❖ **CLOSING HYMN #83**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

STUTTGART

❖ **THE CHARGE & BLESSING**

Rev. Brian Paulson

**POSTLUDE**

❖ *Those who are able, please stand*