



Worship Service for November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Jan Lundy
Welcome	Pastor Mak
Centering Moment	Pastor Mak
Call to Worship	Jan Lundy

LEADER: In Advent we watch and wait.

ALL: We prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world.

LEADER: Come, Holy Child, come!

ALL: In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship.

LEADER: We watch for signs of God's presence breaking into the world.

ALL: Come, Holy Child, come!

LEADER: We watch for signs of God's Divine Nature in each of us.

ALL: Actions of compassion and grace toward each other and creation.

LEADER: Come, Holy Child, come!

ALL: Come, Holy Child! Remind us of our divine essence and holy calling to Hope.

Kidz Korner

Pastor Mak

Hymn

Marshall Davies

TNCH #122 “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

John and Mary Davis

It is the season of short days and long nights. We light this candle to remember that even in natural darkness, our lights shine. Let us slow down and listen to the sacred voice which is our guide, as we wait to celebrate the coming light – the experience of God’s Presence among us.

1st Biblical Witness

Jan Lundy

Jeremiah 33:12-16

Thus says the Lord of hosts: In this place that is waste, without human beings or animals, and in all its towns there shall again be pasture for shepherds resting their flocks. In the towns of the hill country, of the Shephelah, and of the Negeb, in the land of Benjamin, the places around Jerusalem, and in the towns of Judah, flocks shall again pass under the hands of the one who counts them, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

2nd Biblical Witness

Pastor Mak

The Gospel Of Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left the country of the Gerasenes and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath

he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Reflection

“Embracing Hope”

Pastor Mak

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Be A Candle of Hope”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mak

Unison Prayer

Pastor Mak

Together we defy the darkness by being the Light. We make violence tremble by being peacemakers. When chaos and trauma cause distress, we counter by reaching for love and remembering joy. This day, when people are going hungry, give us bread to share. This day, when people are angry and hurtful, give us forgiveness to offer. When there is so much temptation to be selfish and careless, this day give us the strength to be kind and intentional. As we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of a holy child, remind us that we are all born holy and deserve love and tenderness. In the many names of Love, may it be so.

Invitation to Offering

Jan Lundy

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

Doxology

Marshall Davies

Offertory Prayer

Jan Lundy

LEADER: Even during Advent, a time set aside for waiting, it is often very hard for us to wait. Our world worships the power that acts quickly through force.

ALL: The time, talent, and treasure of this offering is a way for us to act. A way for us to bring the Beloved Kin-dom here to earth.

LEADER: We open our hearts and spirits to new birth and transformation.

ALL: We commit what we have gathered to help us sow seeds of love into the world.

Benediction

Pastor Mak

Postlude

Marshall Davies