

Order of Service for the 1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Prelude "In Dulci Jubilo" Friedrich Zachau

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Jeremiah 33:14-16)

We gather on this day to prepare for the birth of hope.

**We gather to hear old promises that point to new life.**

We come in hope of a Righteous One.

**We come in hope of justice and peace.**

We long for the One whose very name offers us hope.

**We long for the One whose birth will bring our life.**

Hymn No. 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pew bible pg. 1232)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Choir: *What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise One, I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? I will give my heart.*

On this first Sunday of Advent we gather with great anticipation for the gift God will reveal.

**We open our hearts to the gift of hope.**

The promise of Hope is the Divine Gift we receive.

**And what will we do with this gift?**

The gift of hope is an essential tool because it reminds us that the hard times do not have the last word. Hope is not simply a wish. Hope calls us into action based on a belief that things can be different. We can work to bring about the better world that we hope for.

**We light this Candle of Hope as a sign that we will be Present with Hope in the world.**

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I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise One, I would do my  
part; Yet what can I give Him? I will give my heart.

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36 (pew bible pg. 1636)

Sermon

Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!**

**So God imparts to human hearts the glorious love of heaven.**

**No one discerns God's coming, but in this world of sin,**

**Where yearning souls long to be whole, the dear Christ enters in.**

Morning Prayers

Anthem "Lost in the Night" arr. Kyle Haugen

Communion

You spoke of the days to come, Architect of life, when anthills would erupt from dirt, when cattle would gather under shade trees... Finally, when no one expected, you came, not in power but in poverty, a crying baby born to nobodies. As we start our journey to Bethlehem in hope, we seek to be alert and awake, as we would proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ died, seeking the good for all; Christ was raised, putting on resurrection's love;  
Christ will come, precisely when we least expect him.**

Offering and Distribution of Bread and Juice

Prayer of Thanks and the Prayer of Our Savior

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this sacred meal shared in the Spirit of Jesus, your Son, our hope. Strengthened and refreshed, we go from here to show your love in the world. We pray this in the name of the babe in Bethlehem, Jesus the Christ who taught us, saying: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn No. 217 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

Blessing

Postlude "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" J.C. Bach

**Thank you for joining us today!**

**Following worship this morning,** help is needed to move 20 boxes from the Flea Market outside for donation. Many hands will complete this task quickly. Thanks for your help!

**Annual Tree & Hedge Lighting: Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** All ages are welcome to join us on the front lawn of the church for caroling and hot chocolate!

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Margie McKenney & Pat Duerer

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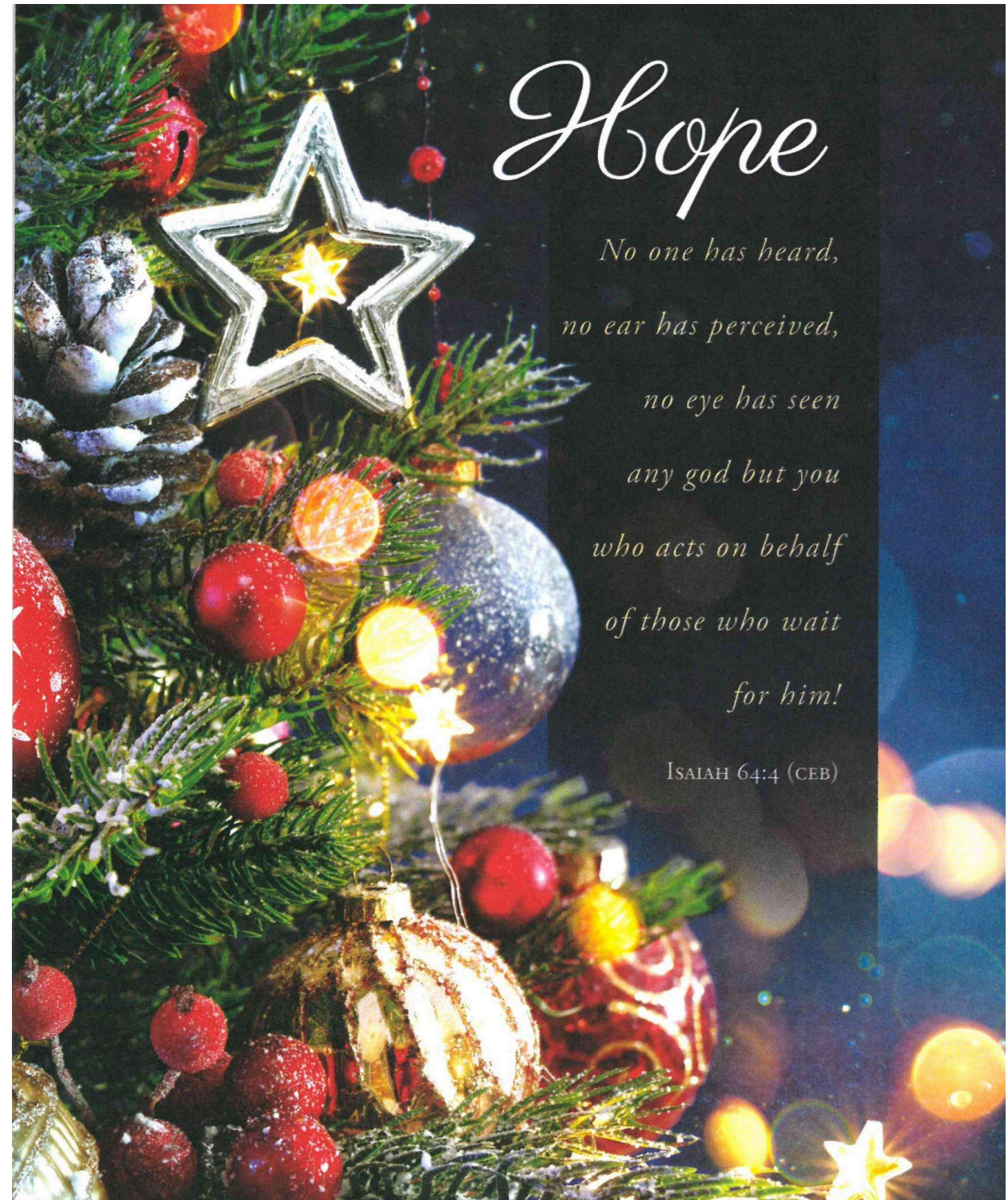


**TCC Prayers and Blessings:**

Sandy Anderson; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins; Jim Stewart; Becky McGrath; Karen Antonio; Ed Dearborn; Margaret Blake; Lauren Penta, friend of Donna & Paul Salvas

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# Hope

*No one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you  
who acts on behalf  
of those who wait  
for him!*

ISAIAH 64:4 (CEB)