



The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

10:30am

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

You are invited to greet those around you and share signs of Christ's peace.

GATHERING SONG

Wait for the Lord

No. 90

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlene Berry, *liturgist*

On Sundays and Mondays,

on good days and bad days,

early in the morning and very late at night,

here in this room, and out in the world, God, we long for you to break in.

Meet us in this space.

Surprise us with your presence.

Fill this room with your good news.

With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

No. 82

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Sung Response

Creator of the Stars of Night *stanza 1*

No. 84

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

The Call to Worship, Advent Candle Lighting, Confession and Pardon, Prayer for Illumination, Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession, and Affirmation of Faith were adapted from prayers written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org.

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Prayer of Confession

**Ever-present God,
we long to feel you close.
We long to feel your presence in our lives.
We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world.
However, if we're honest, we rarely stand still long enough to feel you in our midst. Forgive our rushing and distractions.
Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space.
Remind us that even in the time of Herod,
even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Response to Pardon** Creator of the Stars of Night *stanza 4* No. 84

During the Response to Pardon, the young (and young at heart!) are invited to come forward to sit in the front row of chairs by the piano in preparation for the Time with Children.

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Following the Time with Children, worshipers ages 3-7 (-ish)
may remain in worship or choose to attend Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<i>Hebrew Bible Reading</i>	Lamentations 3:55-57	NRSVue
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.		
Thanks be to God.		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Luke 1:5-13	NRSVue
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.		
Thanks be to God.		

MESSAGE	Afraid, and Not Alone	Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell
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RESPOND

* HYMN OF RESPONSE	Song of Zechariah	No. 109
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	written by Sarah Are Speed
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**We have seen the valley.
We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and still we believe.
We believe in a with-us God. We believe in the hope of tomorrow.
We believe that good news is louder than fear. We believe this good news is for all people.
So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles,**

even when fear is all around us, we will hold onto that good news.

We will reach for each other.

We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy.

We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born.

We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So still, we believe.

Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MINISTER, CONNECT, AND SERVE

- *Send a card or make a phone call to someone in special need of love and support.*
- *Sign up to bring a gift for the Angel Tree.*
- *Bring donuts or other treats for Sunday fellowship time before and after worship.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

During this time, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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 debts¹ 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.

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*SENDING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

No. 93

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Following the Postlude, you are invited
to enjoy refreshments, coffee, and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.*

Worship may be over, but our **service** has just begun.

¹ When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*

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