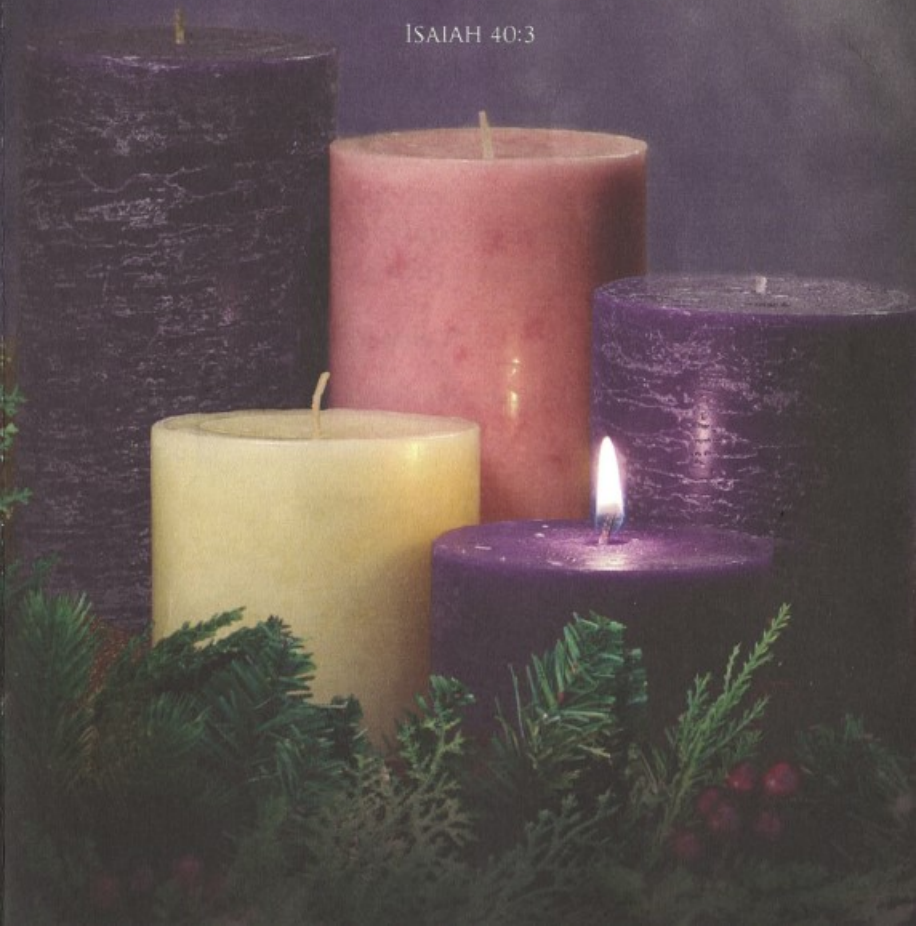


Hope

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT
A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD.

ISAIAH 40:3



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November 27, 2022 *Hanging of the Greens* 1st Sunday of Advent

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg.631 [773[LP] NT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let our hearts awaken to the hope of this Season.

People: Peace... Joy... Anticipation...

The wonder of heaven touching the earth.

Leader: The birth of a baby – God's Love towards us;
God's heart living among us.

ALL: Holy Gift of Love and Life; Let the beauty of
Advent stir alive a rising hope of Your coming!

*HYMN #1

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hanging the Greens

ABOUT ADVENT

Lucy Spehar

TOGETHER, DECORATING THIS HOUSE

The Nativities

The Door Wreaths

Putting Doves on our Tree

Readying the Advent Wreath

SETTLE IN WITH A HYMN

HYMN #13

"Prepare the Way"

(our luminaries are lighted)

Gathering With God's Word

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Lord of souls anxious to soar high above the cares of our lives; come to us in this hour and refresh our way. Redeemed through the love of your Son, help us touch his healing peace to our lives. We confess a longing to know how to slow down, how to simplify, how to find that place of "waiting" and "renewal" within. Come, Dear Lord, and lead us through the redeeming wonder of this Season. Hear us as we come in prayer with you.

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

THE RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 122* (pg. 571 [702 LP] OT)

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING *Romans 13:11-14*
(pg.162 [197 LP] NT)

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 24:36-44* (pg. 27 [33 LP] NT)

SERMON Rev. Marilyn K. Hale

Responding in Faith

*HYMN #20 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presb. Hymnal*)

(Continued on the back of the bulletin.)

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #11

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

*BLESSING

*ADVENT BENEDICTION

Congregation

(Words and music can be found in the pocket inside
the back cover of the hymnal.)

*Together in our hearts, we dedicate our offering to God today. Offering
plates are located at the rear of the sanctuary...*

(by the 2 doors.) Thank you!



First Sunday of Advent