

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 27, 2022 10:00 AM**  
**Candy Iwanicki, Worship Leader**  
**David Cavallin, Music Director**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 121)

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come?  
**My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth**  
He will not let your feet be moved, He who keeps you will not slumber  
**Behold He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep**  
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand  
**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night**  
The Lord will keep you from all evil, He will keep your life  
**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

**HYMN**                      *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      **BLUE #124**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Father as we gather here to celebrate Your coming to earth, and anticipate Your coming again, fill us with heavenly joy. Remind us that we have You to rely on, and to place our hope in You. Relieve us of our troubles and worries from this week, and help us to concentrate on the blessings that we have because we are Your children. Amen**

**ANTHEM**                      *There is an Everlasting Kindness*                      **Words and Music:**  
**Keith Getty, Kristyn Lennox Getty, Stuart Townend**  
**Setting: Lloyd Larson**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLE OF HOPE**                      **Kris & Izzy Wiemer**  
**OR PROPHET'S CANDLE**

Hope, a feeling of expectation.  
**We hope for so much, we need so much.**  
Hope, a feeling of trust.  
**We trust in God's love, we trust in God's word.**  
Hope, is assured when our hope is in God.  
**Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus. Amen**

**HYMN**                      *Of the Father's Love Begotten*                      **BLUE #118**

## **SCRIPTURE** - Matthew 24:34-44

Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

## **HOMILY**

### **HYMN**

*Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending*

**BLUE #241**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYER**

#### **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **HYMN**

*He Is Coming*

**BLUE #246**

## **BENEDICTION**



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