

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2009

10:50 AM

A day of great glory is forecast. The people are told to watch for it at all times. Signs will precede its coming, as trees in leaf declare that summer is near. Advent is a time of such expectancy; its sign is a babe full of promise and hope. Therefore, “look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.*

### WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

**Prelude** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* **Gehrke**

**\*Lighting of the Advent Candle** **Michael Western and Zack Hedrick**

Reader: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

**People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be. (Light the first purple candle)

**All: Let us pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may know that your kingdom is near and we may be alert and abounding in love for one another. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates* **UMH Page 213**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **UMH Page 211**

### PROCLAMATION

**\*Old Testament Reading** *Jeremiah 33:14-16* **O. T. Page 738**

“The days are coming when I will fulfill the promise” – the prophet tells the people of Judah in exile in Babylon. The promise is for a leader, a “righteous branch” from the house of David, to bring justice and righteousness to the land then lying in ruins. This promised leader would later be known in Judaism as “Messiah,” and the reign he would establish, “the messianic age.”

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Message** **April Wermuth and Amber Johnson**  
**Children’s Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to the Children’s Church Room)

### Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer** **Unison**

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed* **UMH Page 203**

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 21:25-36* **N. T. Page 85**

The signs of the end Jesus announces look different from what the folks who first heard Jeremiah’s prophecy may have expected. In the immediately preceding verses, Jerusalem is destroyed, not “established forever.” It is the destruction of Jerusalem rather than its restoration that marks the beginning of the end. It is worldwide suffering accompanied by unstoppable cataclysm, not the progressive development of a golden age of “peace on earth, goodwill to men,” that marks the promised redemption. Stay Awake! Don’t be lulled!

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**Message** *A Time for Hope* **Rev. Bruce Lake**

**Special Music** *It Is Well With My Soul* **P.P. Bliss**

### RESPONSE

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**

Let us pray: **Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem** *Call to Advent* **J. Jerome Williams**

**\*Doxology** **Unison**

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

### SENDING FORTH

**\*Hymn** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* **UMH 196**

**\*Commission and Blessing**

Watch and pray, seeking the strength Christ offers. Live as thankful stewards of all God’s gifts.

**Our souls are lifted up to trust in God; our spirits rejoice to learn God’s ways.**

Those who are humble will discern new paths. For God is teaching us, day by day.

**Secure in God's love, we venture with confidence. We are willing to try a new way of being.**

God's steadfast love never fails; God will keep covenant and lead us in all truth.

**We will look for signs that God's realm is near; we will rely on God's Word to guide us. Amen.**

**\*Benediction/Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude** *Savior of the Heathen, Come* **J. S. Bach**

**Hearing devices** are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. \*Please stand as you are able whenever you see this symbol. All **bold type** indicates congregational participation. As we worship, we are using the red United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and black The Faith We Sing (TFWS). We do ask that you turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones, as a courtesy to others. Nursery care for infants-preschoolers is available at the 10:50AM Service, in the educational wing. Please see an usher for assistance.

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**Welcome!** We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for His blessings. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of our Son, Philip E. Ewbank, by Ed and Joan. The **Acolytes** are Josephine Kamanda and Emory Magner. The **Crucifer** is Tayler Bliss. The **Lay Reader** is Megan Schmidt.. The **Lay Speaker** is Victoria White. The **Ushers** are Jess Wade, Michael Western, Zack Hedrick, and Christian Henderson. The **Greeters** are Harold Huey, Jay Wade, Jeremy Robinson, David Western, and Amy Morgans. **First Response Team:** Stony and Dale Creery.

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