

Full liturgy at FCRC November 28, 2021
Advent 1: Hope

Minister: Tom

Worship Leaders: Judi and Peggy

Piano and vocalist: Bethany Guitar and vocalist: Mark

Prayer leader: Dirk

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

God's Greeting and Call to Worship: Mark

Rev. 22:16 "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Advent Candle Lighting video

Peggy: This advent we are invited to come to Jesus and know HIS gifts. Today, the advent theme is hope. Let's prepare for that gift with these words spoken responsively.

Judi: "Come down, O Lord, tear open the heavens and come down."

All: We wait. We wait in hope. We wait for God to be revealed. We wait for God to tear open the heavens and come down.

Judi: From ages past no ear has heard, no eye has seen, any power besides God who works for the reconciliation of the whole world

All: And so, we wait with hope, for God to come down.

Advent Song: Hope is a Star – while candle is lit – 1 verse

Judi: Please stand and let's continue our worship in song

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Come Thou long-expected Jesus LUYH #56

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

O Come O Come Emmanuel LUYH #61

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

I Lift My Eyes Up LUYH #652

I lift my eyes up to the mountains; where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth. (repeat)

Oh, how I need you, Lord. You are my only hope; you're my only prayer.
So I will wait for you to come and rescue me. Come and give me life.

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My help comes from you, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

Oh, how I need you, Lord. You are my only hope; you're my only prayer.
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Please be seated.

Judi: [Scripture: Psalm 130:5-6 – 5] I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word, I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Peggy: [Scripture: Psalm 62:5,6] Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I shall not be shaken Psalm 62:5,6. With this hope, let's pray.

Judi: Almighty God, the Giver of life and Forgiver of sins, we come to You now with hope: Hope because You always love us, even though at times it seems like we have neglected you. Hope because you do not hold our sins against us, but instead offer Your grace. Hope because give us the courage to trust You in a world filled with darkness. Help us, Lord, to confess our sins, remembering that Your Son died for our sins so that we might be reconciled to You. In Christ's Name, listen to our silent prayers. (Moment of Silence) Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

Peggy: God, our kind and loving Saviour God, has stepped in and saved us. Our Saviour Jesus pour out his life completely. His gift has restored our relationship with God and given us back our lives. And there's more life to come—an eternity of life! That is our sure and certain hope!

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Message: Tom - "The King We Need: Hope"

GOD CALLS AND INVITES OUR RESPONSE

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Tom

Song of Response: I Come with Joy, vv.1,2,3,6,- Lift Up Your Hearts #533

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

Prayers of the People: Dirk

Offering: Dirk

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

God Blesses Us: Tom

Peggy: Please be seated and let's listen as this song leads a prayer that Emmanuel – God with us – would come to us again.

Benediction Song: Light of the World (Lauren Daigle) - Ministry in Music - Bethany