

## First Congregational United Church of Christ

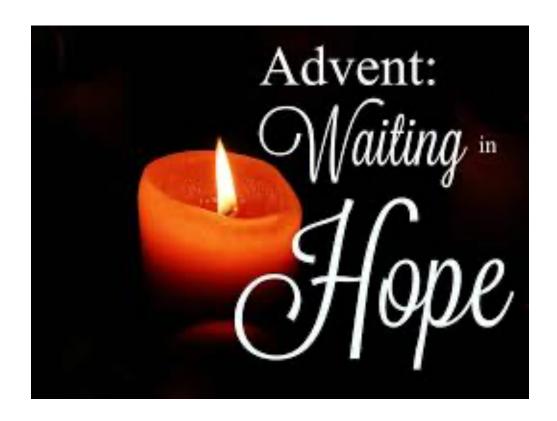
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## First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



**Mini-Message** 

John Mardis

**Director of Music** 

Luke Overton

**Organist** 

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Guest Preacher** 

Rev. Cathy Young

**Worship Leader** 

Greg Hoekstra

**Director of Youth** 

Abbie Chronister

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

## No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Welcome & Announcements Greg Hoekstra

Call to Worship Greg Hoekstra

One: Hope is gravity for the broken—

All: Pulling us up.

One: Hope is manna in the wilderness

All: When we want to give up.

One: Hope is seeing stars in the city

All: When we forget the sky is there.

One: Hope is the anthem of faith

All: And the reason we're here.

One: So come to this place with your hopes and your fears,

All: For the God of new life is drawing near.

One: Let us worship Holy God.

Prayer of Invocation Rev. Cathy Young

\*Opening Hymn Come, O Long Expected Jesus #122 (NCH - Black)

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** (Hope Can't Wait) Kaden, Lauren, Leah

Joys & Concerns Greg Hoekstra

## Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Cathy Young

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Mini-Message John Mardis

Choral Anthem We Wait Chancel Choir

by Ruth Elaine Schram Erin Gaherty Williams, Cello
Invitation to Offertory Greg Hoekstra

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Offertory Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\*Doxology #515 (Pilgrim - Red)

*Prayer of Dedication		Greg Hoekstra
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14	Greg Hoekstra
*Hymn	O How Shall I Receive You	#102 (NCH - Black)
Message	"Living in Hope"	Rev. Cathy Young
*Hymn	Watcher, Tell Us of the Night	#103 (NCH - Black)
Benediction		Rev. Cathy Young
Postlude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
	* You are invited to Stand	

(Hearing assistance devices are available in the cabinet in the back of the sanctuary.)

Childcare for students up to 5th grade is provided after the Mini-Message through the end of service. We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff to the childcare room (located at the bottom of the steps closest to the sanctuary) at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.

The Altar Flowers are provided by Bruce & Jill Jensen and Family in loving memory of Dick and Judy Morris.