

**Order of Worship**  
November 28th 2021 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us to slow down, listen for your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.  
Amen.**

**Advent Hymn**

*Advent Hymn (Watching Waiting Longing)*

**Verse 1**

Heaven sent a child to save us light  
for all to see  
Helpless baby mighty Savior holy  
mystery  
Unto us a son is given born in  
Bethlehem  
Lamb of God the Light of nations  
God in flesh became

**Chorus 1**

Watching waiting longing for the day  
When His people would glorify  
The Name above all names

**Verse 2**

For the joy that lay before Him  
chose our agony

Jesus bore the wrath of Calv'ry  
Washing sinners clean  
Our Messiah Christ our brother word  
of God in flesh  
Loosed the chains that held us  
captive  
Broke the bonds of death

**Chorus 1**

Watching waiting longing for the day  
When His people would glorify  
The Name above all names

**Verse 3**

So we wait with expectation for His  
Advent here  
Bride of Christ His word proclaimed  
For all the world to hear

He will come in clouds descending  
At the trumpet sound  
In the light of Christ our Savior  
Ev'ry knee will bow

**Chorus 2**

Born in a manger dying on a tree  
Rising Easter morning to set His  
people free  
We're watching waiting longing for  
the day  
When all nations will glorify  
The Name above all names

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**Gathering Prayer**

**Special Music**

*The Time for Flowers*  
Emily Scott Robinson

## Scripture Reading

Chriss Flynn, reader

### **Luke 21:25-36**

#### **New Revised Standard Version**

25 “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29 Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Stand Up. Raise Your Heads!*

*Associate Pastor Charla Belinski*

## Offertory

## Communion

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Hymn

*In Christ Alone*

### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought  
and storm  
What heights of love what depths of  
peace  
When fears are stilled when  
strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to  
save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### **Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of  
Christ

### **Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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**Blessing**

**Postlude**

***Our love in action now begins...***

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