

**November 27, 2022  
First Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Lighting the Advent Candles and Call to Worship**

**Leader:** The prophet Isaiah said a child is to be born whose name will be Wonderful Counselor. We see those words on our church's mural.

**People:** **We have come to worship this Advent Sunday to learn from the Wonderful Counselor.**

**Leader:** Advent is a time to learn how to live in troubled times, to discover what hope means when we feel hopeless.

**People:** **Please light a candle for hope as we enter a time of worship.**

**\*Hymn #104:** "We Hail You God's Anointed"

**\*Invocation**

**Wonderful Counselor, we begin this Advent season anticipating the wonders of Christmas morning. Yet, we know that Advent is also a time to look at our world and see the suffering, the anguish of those around us and within ourselves. We look for hope because we feel hopeless. We look for a Savior because we know the world needs redemption. Be present in our worship this morning, teaching us the lessons we need to know. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace** Hymn #122 verse 1 "Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set all people free.  
From our fears and sins release us, grant us your true liberty.

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 9:6; Luke 6:17-18; Matthew 28:16-20 Carol Griffith

**Anthem**

**Time with Young Disciples**

**Sermon:** "Wonderful Counselor"

**\*Hymn #110:** "Now Bless the God of Israel"

## **The Community at Prayer** (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

### **Prayer Response**

#### **Invitation to the Offering and Ingathering of Pledges**

*(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)*

#### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #441:** "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude