

# Welcome Home!

## First Sunday of Advent

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December 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.

### Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Praise

*Every Move I Make  
Blessed Be Your Name*

Lighting The Advent Candle of Hope

Musical Response *A Candle is Burning* (v. 1)  
(sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

### Preparing for God's Word

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

*Sanctuary*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Give

Song of Thanksgiving

*No Weapon*

### Receiving God's Word

Time With Young Disciples

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

\*Gospel Luke 21:25-36

This is the word of God for us the people of God:  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *"Expectation"* Tyler Moore

### Responding to God's Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Going Forth to Serve

\*Song of Grace Medley  
*Are You Washed in the Blood/ Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

\*Benediction

**The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
Amen.**

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(\* Indicates please stand as you are able.

Words printed in bold are to be prayed or read in unison.

Please return all hymnals, songbooks, and Bibles to their holder  
on the back of the pew before you leave:  
2 hymnals, 2 songbooks, and 1 Bible per section.

### **Some Simple Things to Pray For During Advent:**

- Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.
  - Pray for opportunities to learn something new about God regularly.
  - Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.
  - Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.
  - Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.
  - Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.
  - Pray for joy and a sense of humor.
  - Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.
  - Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.
  - Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.
- ~ from Whitney Hople's "Pray for Simplicity this Advent"

