

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017  
Theme: "Hopeful anticipation of the Coming of Christ's"

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING**

Gathering Song: Hark the Glad sound

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Call to Worship

The heavens are trembling with anticipation  
**We wait for Jesus.**  
The nights are long, and the days are short  
**We wait for Jesus.**  
Our redemption is drawing near, let us hope in God.  
**We wait for Jesus.**  
Let us worship as people who are ready to see the salvation of our God.

Hymn: Come to us

Scattered and broken bent in our way  
We are Your people gathered to praise You  
A vineyard uprooted narrow in sight  
Come Lord of glory come Lord of light

**Come to us O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts**  
**Come to us O Lord of glory and make us anew**  
**Lord we wait for You Lord we wait for You**  
**Lord we wait for You come Lord of glory**

Come Lord our dayspring come from on high  
As we Your people gather to praise You  
Unworthy to taste from Your heavenly vine  
But Your word will heal us come light divine

Come Root of Jesse come David's son  
Come Star of Morning we come to praise You  
Hope of creation of all humankind  
Reign over body spirit and mind

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God's Greeting (*from 2 Corinthians 13:14*):

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*We Pass the Peace of Christ to Our Neighbour

Prayer of Adoration

**Creator God,**  
You made the heavens and the earth. You set the planets in their  
courses, lit the sun with fire caused the stars to shine and the world to  
turn. You created light and darkness, day and night. You set apart the  
soil from the waters, and life springs up wherever your breath moves. In  
Jesus Christ, you brought hope into a world that was fearful and  
despairing. You sent your Spirit to enliven our souls and communities and  
to guide the way for us. We wait for the re-creation of the whole earth.  
We wait for new life, and we wait with deep hope. Amen.

### **WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Hymn of Preparation: **"Hope is a Star"** verse 1

Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.**

*Lighting the Advent Candle – Hope* (Carron Family)

Hymn of Assurance: **“Come Light our Hearts”**

<https://rainforroots.bandcamp.com/track/come-light-our-hearts>.

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait  
Truly our hope is in You  
Truly our hope is in You

O Lord of life, our only hope  
Your radiance shines  
On all who look -- to You in the dark  
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait  
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait  
Truly our hope is in You  
Truly our hope is in You

O Joy above all other loves  
In you we find more than enough  
We come as we are, O heal and restore  
Come light our hearts

Youth message: **“In the Potter's Hand”**

**Scripture:** We are the clay, you are the potter; we are the work of your hand.  
Isaiah 64:8

Youth Hymn: The Potter and the Clay

Lord I have tried to go my own way  
Wand'ring alone day after day  
Now I am Yours guide me I pray

You are the potter Lord  
I am the clay

Clay will remain water and sand  
Without the skill of the potter's hand  
Lord make me whole restore me I pray  
You are the potter Lord  
I am the clay

Lord let me be a vessel for You  
Filled with Your love  
Your light will shine through  
Held in Your hand I thankfully pray  
You are the potter Lord  
I am the clay

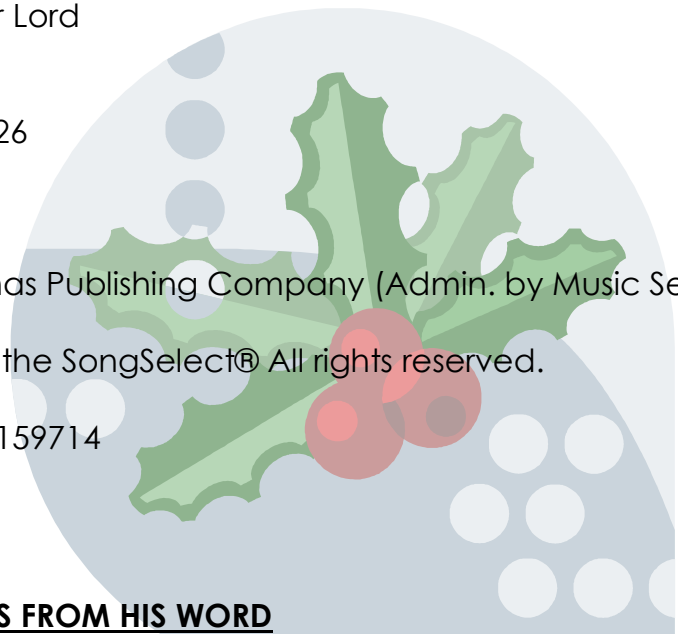
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### **GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD**

Prayer for Understanding

Musical selection

The Reading of Scripture

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks, be to God!**

**Sermon: "Jesus, Our true Source of Hope"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn of Response: **"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

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Prayers of God's People, concluded with the Lord's prayer

**WE BRING OUR GIFTS**

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

Sung Response: **"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"** BoP#79

**WE LEAVE TO CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The Benediction

Recessional Hymn: Blessed be the God of Israel

Blessed be the God of Israel, Who comes to set us free  
And raises up new hope for us A Branch from David's tree  
So have the prophets long declared That with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies And all who wish us harm

With promised mercy will God still The covenant recall  
The oath once sworn to Abraham From foes to save us all  
That we might worship without fear And offer lives of praise  
In holiness and righteousness To serve God all our days

My child as prophet of the Lord You will prepare the way  
To tell God's people they are saved From sin's eternal sway  
Then shall God's mercy from on high Shine forth and never cease  
To drive away the gloom of death And lead us into peace

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