

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church



December 1, 2024 The First Sunday of Advent Celebrating Hope and Holy Communion

Threefold Chime and Prelude *Waiting in Silence*

Opening Prayer, Welcome, and Announcements

Introit *Advent Prayer: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*

Advent Call to Worship (responsive)

As we gather today, we remember the promised gifts of the Messiah.

We come, burdened by the weight of watching.

We surrender to God's holy "not yet," embracing the stillness.

We come, and God-with-us is present in our longing.

In the lighting of one candle called *Hope*,
we set our gaze on beacons that sustain us
through sleepless nights and restless days.

In hope, we bear this light together.

(Please pause in silence while the first Advent candle is lit.)

***Hymn #92** *While We Are Waiting, Come*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (responsive)

We draw near to God, who waits with grace,
filling us with hope in every season. Let us pray.

**Holy Creator, we tremble under the weight of suffering,
its presence heavy in our midst.**

It is the mess of our own making that pierces our hearts.

**Our fears, our need for control, our dismissal of the other,
leave us—and all of creation— groaning for justice, aching for peace.**

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

You, O God, are our hope, the quiet strength in our deepest longing.

**Our flames may falter, but we press on
because you, God-with-us—Emmanuel—are near.**

**With hearts ignited, may we work and wait for justice,
trusting that in Christ, light shines beyond the deepest shadows. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

Creator God, Savior Jesus, Holy Spirit—

the One who answers prayer—offers us grace and hope and help!

Christ is coming to bless and heal us. Glory be! Amen.

*Sung Response for Advent *Deep Peace*

DEEP PEACE

Barbara Bridge

Deep peace of the run-ning wave to you,
deep peace of the flow-ing air to you.
Deep peace of the qui-et earth to you,
deep peace of the shin-ing stars to you.
Deep peace of the gen-tle night to you,
moon and stars pour their heal-ing light on you.
Deep peace to you, peace to you.
Deep peace to you.

***Passing of Christ's Peace** (contactless)

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us turn to each other, put our hands together prayerfully, and say,
The peace of Christ be with you.



Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Response The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Work of Hope*

Anthem *Celtic Advent Carol*

Offering Invitation

God fills us with hope in every season. Generously, let us share that hope!
We may place offerings in the plate or give securely online at
mountainshadowchurch.org. Thank you and thanks be to God.

Offertory *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

***Doxology**

Tune: 607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit ever more.

One God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.

Worshipers may be seated.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right...

Communion Prayer and Song

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Lord's Prayer and The Lord's Supper

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn # 772** *Live Into Hope*

***Charge and Benediction**

*** Postlude** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel*

Two Hymns for Worship Service – 12-1-24

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“While We Are Waiting, Come”



1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;



while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,



while we are wait - ing, come.

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“Live into Hope”



1 Live in-to hope of cap - tives freed, of
 2 Live in-to hope! The blind shall see with
 3 Live in-to hope of lib - er - ty, the
 4 Live in-to hope of cap - tives freed from



sight re - gained, the end of greed. The op -
 in - sight and with clar - i - ty, re -
 right to speak, the right to be, the
 chains of fear or want or greed. God



pressed shall be the first to see the
 mov - ing shades of pride and fear, a
 right to have one's dai - ly bread, to
 now pro - claims our full re - lease to



year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 vi - sion of our God brought near.
 hear God's word and thus be fed.
 faith and hope and joy and peace.