



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Announcements and Greeting

**Prelude** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader 1: Today we enter the season of Advent. The word Advent literally

means that something is finally here. During this season called

Advent we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.

**Reader 2: The chosen people of God had been waiting for so long.**

**They had waited to be released from exile in a foreign land.**

**They waited to be set free from foreign occupation. They**

**waited for the time when they would be restored.**

Reader 1: Out of the darkness, the prophet Jeremiah delivered a message from God: "The Lord says, 'I made a wonderful promise to Israel and Judah, and the days are coming when I will keep it. I promised that the time will come when I will appoint a king from the family of David, a king who will be honest and rule with justice. In those days, Judah will be safe; Jerusalem will be safe and will be named 'The Lord Gives Justice.'"

**Reader 2: We also wait in hope that the work God has started will come to pass. We wait in hope for God's kingdom to come, where neighbors will live in peace; where the rich will share with the poor; and where the strong will protect the weak. Today we light the candle of hope.**

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Build Your Kingdom Here"

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 55:1-5

**Advent Drama** "The Word of the Lord"

**Morning Prayer** Rev. Jodie Ihfe

**Hymn of Reflection** "Advent Proclamation"

**Old Testament Lesson** Jeremiah 33:14-21

**Sermon** "The Promise" Rev. Gary Ihfe

**Hymn of Commitment** "View the Present Through the Promise"

### Benediction

### Postlude