



## November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

### Worship Participants

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Preaching Today: Pastor Lamont Koerner

Advent. Quite literally it means “arrival.” But in truth what we mark as the advent season each year is a period of four weeks during which we hear announcements of a Messiah’s arrival. An arrival which will not occur until Christmas Eve. So, we experience Advent as a time of waiting and watchfulness. What we forget is that this arrival need not have happened. In fact, it happened against all odds, in the most unexpected way. Peculiar Treasures will explore the remarkable movements of God, who chose from the beginning, to partner with very human beings to bring the promised arrival to birth.

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.  
You call all nations to walk in your light  
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,  
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.  
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.  
Rouse us from sleep,  
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes  
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,  
for he is our light and our salvation.  
Blessed be God forever.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn:** *ELW 257 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verses 1 & 2*

### Greeting

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

### Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Reading:** John 1:1-5

**Reading:** Genesis 1:1-5

### Sermon

### Generosity Moment

**Hymn:** *ELW561 - Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory, verses 2 & 3*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Blessing and Sending**

### **Postlude**

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]