

First Sunday in Advent

Candlelighting:

I light this candle on the first Sunday in Advent to remind us of the gift of hope. The hope of God's people was realized on that Christmas Day over 2000 years ago when God gave His Son. Because of that gift we have confidence in the future.

Scripture:

Jeremiah 33:14-15

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

Isaiah 9:2, 6

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Song:

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*"O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Song of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel! Amen."*

Prayer:

On this first Sunday in Advent, we thank you Father God, for the gift of hope- the Promise of a Messiah, proclaimed by the Old Testament prophets. We pray that you would remind us to leave room in our hearts, our home and our lives for Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His Name we pray. Amen