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Welcome and Announcements

Gail Lehman, Lay Reader

Lighting the First Candle of Advent: Hope

Dennis Dalgleish

“Creator of the Stars of Night” (Hymn #4, verse 1)

**Creator of the stars of night, your people’s everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.**

Prelude

“Title”

Composer

*Pouring the Waters of Baptism: a reminder that we are baptized children of God.*

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 62)

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L: For God alone we wait expectantly.

**ALL: God alone is our rock and our salvation,  
our stronghold, and we shall never be shaken.**

L: All power and steadfast love belongs to the Lord;

**ALL: Come, let us worship and praise the Lord our God!**

\*Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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Call to Confession

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L: Jesus said, do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for the grace of God. Let us confess our sins, praying first silently, then together. (*Silence*)

Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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L: Friends, believe the good news:  
in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri

**“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.”**

Prayer for Illumination

**O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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Special Music: FPC Choir

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Composer

Scripture and Homily:

Psalm 62:5-8

Pastor Betsy

Moment for Meditation

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Psalm 33:13, 18-22*

**The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind. Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their souls from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

