



Strathmore United Church
December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

Greeting & Welcome:

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: and also, with you.

Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements:

🎵 **Centering song:** Hope is a Star – Verse 1 ***VU #7**

Advent Candle-Lighting:

L: On this first Sunday of Advent, we come with hope as a community of faith.

P: We watch, we wait, we wonder.

L: We come in hope for God's promise to bring light to this world.

P: We wait in hope for the coming of Jesus, the Christ child.

L: As we light the first candle in our wreath, we take a moment to breath in the Spirit of hope.

L: Let us pray together:

P: God of hope, on this first Sunday of Advent, fill us with hope for the world and for the church, knowing that Jesus, the Christ child, brings the light of hope. Amen.

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🎵 **Song:** A Candle Is Burning – Verse 1 ***VU # 6**

Call to Worship:

L: Hope, in the midst of fear. Hope, in the midst of sorrow. Hope, when it seems hopeless. God offers hope.

P: We come seeking that hope. We come seeking a new dream. We come from four winds seeking God-with-Us.

L: Let us pray for Emmanuel, let us pray for the insight, let us pray for that promised hope.

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Opening Prayer:

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♪♪ Hymn: All Earth Is Waiting *VU #5

Story Time for all ages:

Special Music: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy *VU # 73

Prayer of Confession:

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♪♪ Hymn: Prepare the Way of the Lord! *VU #10 (X2)

Prayer of Illumination:

God, you call us to prepare the way in the world for your love, for your hope, for your peace, for your joy. May your Word prepare our hearts for action and service. Amen

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Reading of Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14–16
Luke 21:25–36

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

Message:

♪♪ Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Vs 1-3) *VU #473

Advent Holy Communion:

The Offering Invitation:

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M&S Story:

♪♪ Dedication: We Give You But Your Own *VU #542

Prayer of Dedication:

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♪♪ Hymn: Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus (Vs 1 & 3) *VU #2

Commissioning and Blessing:

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♪♪ Choral Response: Walk with Me – Refrain Only *VU #649

Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the God of Peace go with you.

P: And also with you.

*Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship in the
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