



**OHIO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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November 28, 2021  
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Sung Congregational Response*

Lead us on, Lead us on,

To a morning where the promise shines.

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Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

We long for every hurt to be healed.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

We long for every tear to be dried.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

We long for every injustice to be made right.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

We celebrate God's promises and long for those yet to unfold.

**We wait in hope for the Lord.**

*Repeat Sung Congregational Response*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, though Long-Expected Jesus" #82

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. we have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of the season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

**\*PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 21:25-36

**SERMON** "Watch yourselves"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem to become one with us.

In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea to teach us how to live.

In love you were nailed to a cross on Calvary to bear away our sins.

In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph's garden to  
defeat death's power over us.  
In love you ascended beyond the clouds to be our  
reigning Lord.  
You came to love us so that we need never feel unloved,  
deserted, alone, condemned.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"* #354

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**RESPONSE**

**\*PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING**

PASTOR: Gracious, loving and healing God bless these  
Shawls that they may be tangible evidence of the love and  
Prayers of the congregation.

**ALL: Bless those who receive these shawls. Give them  
Comfort, peace, healing and strength. Remind them  
That they are loved and not forgotten. We ask your  
Blessing on all who are lonely, sick and suffering in  
The name of Jesus Christ. Amen**

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*BENEDICTION "Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #546 vs1**  
Lord, dismiss us with your blessing: fill our hearts with joy  
and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in  
redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling  
through the wilderness.

**POSTLUDE**

\*please stand if able