

**November 30, 2008
First Sunday of Advent**

The best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is never to forget the presence of Christ.
–William Barclay

Gathering and Praising

Music for Meditation

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins
with Music for Meditation*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship and Lighting of 1st Advent Candle:**

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***Invocation:**

Rev. Thom Shuman

***Hymn:** *O Savior, rend the heavens* #175

First Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 64: 1-9, from The Message*

Sharing About Preparation Kristen Roop

Responsive Chorus: *Gloria* #204

Proclaiming

Children’s Story Janet Hildreth

Scripture: *Mark 13: 24-37*

Message: *Be on the watch*

Hymn: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* #463

Praying

“For this we rejoice...”

“For this we pray...”

Hymn Call to Prayer *Lord, listen to your children* #353

Prayer for all God’s children

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

John Roop

***Offertory Response:** *Lord, bless the hands* #93

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn:** *To us a child of hope is born* #189

***Benediction**

***Sending Christ’s light out into the world**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome all who are visiting us today. Please join us after the worship for a time of fellowship and refreshment downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Then join us for adult and youth Sunday school at 11am.