



First Congregational United Church of Christ

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



Mini-Message

John Mardis

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Guest Preacher

Rev. Cathy Young

Worship Leader

Greg Hoekstra

Director of Youth

Abbie Chronister

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome & Announcements		Greg Hoekstra
Call to Worship		Greg Hoekstra
One: Hope is gravity for the broken— All: Pulling us up.		
One: Hope is manna in the wilderness All: When we want to give up.		
One: Hope is seeing stars in the city All: When we forget the sky is there.		
One: Hope is the anthem of faith All: And the reason we're here.		
One: So come to this place with your hopes and your fears, All: For the God of new life is drawing near.		
One: Let us worship Holy God.		
Prayer of Invocation		Rev. Cathy Young
*Opening Hymn	<i>Come, O Long Expected Jesus</i>	#122 (NCH - Black)
Lighting of the Advent Candle	(Hope Can't Wait)	Kaden, Lauren, Leah
Joys & Concerns		Greg Hoekstra
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cathy Young
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.		
Mini-Message		John Mardis
Choral Anthem	<i>We Wait</i> by Ruth Elaine Schram	Chancel Choir Erin Gaherty Williams, Cello Greg Hoekstra
Invitation to Offertory		
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)

*Prayer of Dedication		Greg Hoekstra
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14	Greg Hoekstra
*Hymn	<i>O How Shall I Receive You</i>	#102 (NCH - Black)
Message	<i>“Living in Hope”</i>	Rev. Cathy Young
*Hymn	<i>Watcher, Tell Us of the Night</i>	#103 (NCH - Black)
Benediction		Rev. Cathy Young
Postlude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to Stand

(Hearing assistance devices are available in the cabinet in the back of the sanctuary.)

Childcare for students up to 5th grade is provided after the Mini-Message through the end of service. We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff to the childcare room (located at the bottom of the steps closest to the sanctuary) at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.

The Altar Flowers are provided by Bruce & Jill Jensen and Family in loving memory of Dick and Judy Morris.