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*The Poinsettias in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of all our US armed forces who were wounded or lost their life on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941. May we never forget the sacrifices given 82 years ago so that all Americans can be free today. Given by Jim and Lynn Rouse.*



*“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”*



**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2023  
10:30 a.m. Beacon Worship**

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# Beacon Worship

## \*Worship Song

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

## Welcome and Announcements

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.

Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love,

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Christ, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Loving God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.**

## First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Pat Raper

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Pat & Ken Raper

## Prayers of the People

Pastor Kevin

## \*Worship Song

“Here I Am To Worship”

## \*Second Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

## Sermon

“All Shook Up”

## Offertory

*(Note: The Congregation is invited to stand as we present ourselves and our gifts to God).*

## Great Thanksgiving Prayer

*All are invited to the table of the Lord.*

*We serve by intinction, (take the bread and dip a portion into the cup and then partake), or by using prepackaged communion elements.*

*Those unable to come forward raise your hand & a pastor will bring communion to you.*

## Communion Music

“Noel”

*\*\*After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers.*

*Jill Droze, Bryson McLean*

*Offerings left on the altar table go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund used primarily to assist the needy.*

## \*Sending Forth

“Living Hope”

## \*Dismissal with Blessing

Go now in the grace and peace of God the Father, the love of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit... to leave this building and be the church!

*\*Please stand as you are able.*