

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 1, 2024
(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE Noel Breton Leon Roques
CAROL SING (8:20) Annetta Sekula, Organist
A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Bernadette & Michael Zawacki

All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Prophets of old, you are still present with us today. Your love was revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us, as we prepare for his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

SING TOGETHER #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (1, 2, 6, 7)

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("trespasses")

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD Luke 21:25-36 (p.960)

MESSAGE FOR TODAY "Be Ready or Not"

Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward to the front of the church and receive Communion there. Please dip the bread in the cup and partake of the elements before returning to your seat.

HYMN #196 Come thou Long Expected Jesus

BENEDICTION



Thank you for coming this morning as the Advent season begins, helping us to prepare our hearts Christ's coming!

You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.

HOPE

In the unseen darkness
of our deepest heart,
hope is planted
like a tiny seed.
It is the thing that grows
unseen, unnoticed,
until one barren day
a song rises unbidden,
or gladness stirs
in the ashes of despair,
or something like a sunrise
breaks through the clouds.
Hope is the first
of the Advent gifts,
pressed into our souls
by the finger of God.

-Timothy Haut, 2018



ADVENT 2024

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2024

(10:00 a.m.)

PRELUDE Noel Breton Leon Roques
CAROL SING (9:45) Annetta Sekula, Organist

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Come, thou Long Expected Jesus" Tune: Stuttgart

GATHERING WORDS Bethany Parks, Lay Reader

*HYMN #202 People, Look East

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Susan Miron, Bil Groth, Tom Groth, Shelley Cretella

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RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 25:1-10 (p. 757)

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri

*Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 724)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 21:25-36 (p.960)

A MOMENT OF PRAYER

SERMON "Be Ready or Not" Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

COMMUNION HYMN #620 One Bread, One Body

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM "Come Jesus, Holy Son of God" G. F. Handel

CLOSING HYMN #196 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.

May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us,

and grant us all his peace, today, tomorrow and forever.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSE "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

POSTLUDE "Praise to Jesus, Our Salvation" Czech Carol



The **flowers** are given by **John & Diane deLaura** in celebration of **all of their families.**

Our **Ushers** this morning are **Sally Marston** and **Eric Brown.**

Thank you to **Tom Groth** for doing the **live stream** today.

Karen & Frank Vradenburgh will host Coffee Hour after 8:30 worship.

Set-Up for the Christmas Faire will happen during 10:00 Fellowship Hour, so please help yourself to "Coffee on a Cart" by the kitchen, hosted by the **Country Delights Shoppe.**



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