



## Announcements

**Prelude**      *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying ... setting by Paul Manz*

Pauline Buller

**Welcome**

Sara Blodgett

**Christmas Carols**

*HWB 206 Infant holy, infant lowly*

*HWB 189 To us a child of hope is born*

**Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Sara Blodgett

L:      In difficult times we struggle to see the way before us...

**ALL: OUR EYES ADJUST, AND SHADOWS PERSIST.**

L:      We reach out, desperate  
          for comfort  
          for balance  
          for the familiar  
          for hope.

L:      In difficult times,  
          even a faltering light can be just enough:  
          the flame flickers, twinkles, dances—and it is dazzling!

**ALL: FOR IN ITS LIGHT, WE SEE LIGHT: GOD IN OUR MIDST.**

*\*Light One Advent Candle\**

**ALL: RESTORE US, O GOD, MAKE US READY.  
LET YOUR FACE SHINE,  
THAT WE MAY SEE MORE CLEARLY  
AND BE SAVED. (based on Psalm 80:3)**

**HYMN** *Hope is a candle* (STS 15)

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance** (*Adapted from Isaiah 64:5-6, 8-9; Psalm 80:3*)

**Children's Time**

Lona Willems

**Monologue - "The Day and Hour Unknown"** based on *Mark 13:24-37* Tonya Ramer Wenger  
(from Leader Magazine Advent-Epiphany Worship Resources)

**Scripture Reading** *Mark 13:24-37* Cheryl Warkentin

**Meditation – On the Road to Readiness** Tonya Ramer Wenger

**Music for Meditation** Pauline Buller  
*Comfort, Comfort Now My People ... setting by Paul Manz*

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

**HYMN** *Hark! The glad sound!* (HWB 184)

**Benediction** Sara Blodgett

**Postlude**

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## ***WELCOME!!!***

*Please wear your mask at all times while in the church building and observe at least 6-foot physical distance from those not in your household.*

*You may hum or sing very softly during the hymns.*

*After worship please make your way outside for a time of fellowship with others instead of gathering in the foyer.*

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