

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge
Advent 1 - Hope
November 29, 2009

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy (verse 1)
Welcome and Announcements
The Lighting of the Advent Candle
VU 6 A Candle Is Burning (verse 1)

Call To Worship

Come, people of God,
Begin the journey to Bethlehem once more.
Step by step by step, let us journey through the gift of these Advent days until, like Mary and Joseph, of necessity and weariness, we find our place at the manger. Let us make the journey in hope, in confidence, and in trust, for God is with us.
Come, and let us worship God.

Hymn VU 2 Come, Though Long Expected Jesus

Opening Prayer

Be alert! God's Promised One is on the way.
**Be ready with your praise;
be ready to give Jesus a rousing welcome.**
Be alert! God's Promised One is on the way.
**Be ready with your friendship;
be ready to make Jesus feel at home.**
Be alert! God's Promised One is on the way.
**Be ready to work with others;
be ready to discover Jesus in the faith community.**
Be alert! God's Promised One is on the way.
**Be ready to see Jesus in your neighbor,
and to promote God's justice for our troubled world.**
Be alert!
We are an Advent people! Amen.

Prayer of Confession

You give the gift of hope, O God.
**In the pattern of faithful life which brings us pain,
we need your hope.**
You are the inspirer of hope, O God.
**In the striving of our faith community to serve this
neighborhood,
we need your hope.**
You are the pattern of hope, O God.
**In those times when apathy or despair bring us low,
we need your hope.**
You are the source of hope, O God.
**In those situations when we struggle to forgive,
we need your hope.**

(Time for silent reflection)

Words of Assurance

Hope makes the breakthrough,
**As new paths are explored,
and as new opportunities are grasped.**
Hope makes the breakthrough,
**As old rivalries are put aside,
and as fresh visions are grasped.**
In the hopeful freedom of the Spirit, you are renewed people.
Pardon and peace are ours. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn VU 445 A Little Child The Saviour Came

Caregivers In Action

Children's Time

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Choir

Scripture Luke 21: 25-36

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Hymn VU 703 In The Bulb There Is A Flower

Offerings of Our Life's Work "Take These Gifts"

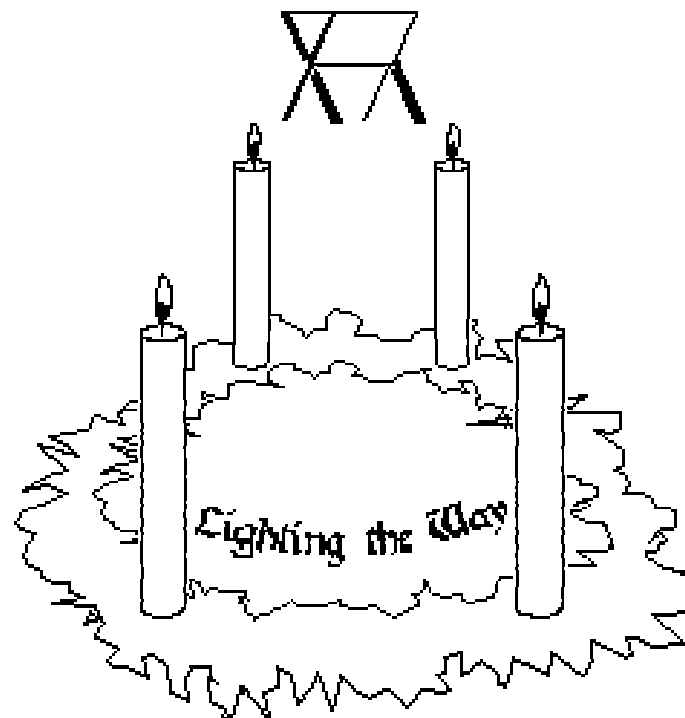
**Take these gifts and let them be
Used as blessings sent from thee
Take our lives and use us all
For your glory and your call.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU 337 Blessed Assurance

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen



The days are surely coming, says YHWH, when I will bestow on Israel and Judah all the blessings I promised them. In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous branch from the line of David, who will bring justice and integrity to the land. In those days Judah will be safe and Jerusalem will be secure.

They will call the land, "YHWH is our Justice."

Jeremiah 33: 14-16