

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA  
November 28, 2021 First Sunday in Advent  
*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.*  
*\*Indicates the people shall stand if able.*

The Hymnal for Today is the Red Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will fulfill my promise to my people  
**Justice and Righteousness will fill the land  
and all will live in peace and safety.***

HYMN #110 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (verse 1 only)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

(Reader 1): We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have  
in the promise of the Lord’s coming.

(Reader 2): For the Lord will fulfill his promise  
to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.  
A righteous branch will spring up for David;  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness  
in the land.

(All): **Come Lord Jesus, come!**

HYMN #103 “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is  
near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may  
stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ our redeemer  
and Lord. Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, O God. We are not ready for your coming. We  
live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as  
though there were no grace. Forgive us, O Lord. Show us your  
mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your  
paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: *We have no righteousness of our own, but the Lord who is  
righteous and true will save us from all unrighteousness.*

All: **Thanks be to God!**

(The Gloria is omitted during the Advent time of waiting)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hebrew Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

“God is our Hope”

HYMN: #1

“Our God Our Help in Ages Past”

PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer:

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.**

Prayer Response

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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

(sung to the tune of Old 100<sup>th</sup>)

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*With gratitude for all that you provide, dear God, and to the service of the world you love so much, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to you, in Jesus name. Amen*

**\*HYMN # 109**           “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Response** (To the tune of Amazing Grace)

“Depart in peace to do God’s will, walk ever in the light. For Christ is with us evermore, to guide us day and night.”

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Deacon for November is Janet Andrews.
- Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments after worship.
- Christmas Flowers order through Deacon Beth Marshall 413-218-8190.
- Rev. Koyama’s office hours are Tuesday am. Call ahead 808-282-6711.