

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MONTAGUE,  
TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA**

**Nov 27, 2022                      The First Sunday in Advent**

*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.*

*\*Indicates places to stand if able to.*

The hymnal for today is the Red Hymnal

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 God’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 justice and righteousness  
shall prevail over all 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*

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*O Lord forgive our sins, even though they are great. We come  
before you knowing that we have failed to follow you, for without  
you we are lonely and distressed. We look to you for refuge,  
because our hope is in you.*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*Minister: The hope of the faithful will be vindicated. Our sins will  
fall away before the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God!*

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

**CHORAL MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Hebrew Scriptures:**

Isaiah 2:1-5

**Epistles:**

Romans 13:11-14

**The Gospel:**

Matthew 24:36-44

**SERMON**

“The Shake Up”

**HYMN # 423**    “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response

**\*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 Edelweiss)

*May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever, grant you peace, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor; lift up your eyes and then see his face, and his grace forever; May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Deacon for November is Janet Andrews.
- Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.
- The Candle Lighters: Debbie Gleason and Paul and Julia MacMunn.
- Office Hours are Tuesdays from 9:30-12:00 noon. To set up a time to come in or request a visit call Rev. Koyama at 808-282-6711.

**PRAYER GARDEN**