

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**November 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

*“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”
“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”
“My Lord! What a Morning”
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
“Dona Nobis Pacem”
“Creator of the Stars of Night”
“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (Nicolai-Bach)

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

From Psalm 80

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth;
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt, your people, Israel;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

**Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Today we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, the Candle of Hope, for we profess with thanksgiving that the Lord will make his face shine upon us, and we will be saved.

***HYMN #384**

“Soon and Very Soon” (vss.1-3) (Crouch)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1649)

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all people from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity; so will he have that day unknown to people, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, “Come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.”

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Broughton)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Lord our God, we give thanks to you for the grace we have received from your hand. You have enriched us in every way in Christ Jesus, in speech and knowledge of every kind, so that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we await his second advent. You strengthen us so that we may be blameless on that Day.

We watch and wait expectantly. We serve and love joyfully. We praise and honor thankfully. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

