

# Welcome to



## Sermon Notes

### What Child Is This?

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#### 2 December 2018 First Sunday of Advent

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Our Gospel reading is Luke 21.25-36 and our response is, **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”** spoken in unity aloud.

Call to Worship: Psalm 25.1-10

Hymns: Opening #175 Prayer #198 (1<sup>st</sup> verse) Closing #176

At the presentation of our offerings we sing the Doxology # 668

#### Studies this Week:

Wednesday– 5:00pm – Choir Practice

The Women's Group will not meet again until January  
6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study - Being a Christian Man

Thursday – 10:30am & 7:00pm – **\*\*Ancient Christian Symbols\*\***

Today is First Sunday of Advent. We have Advent Calendars for everyone to use this year. Not only is this in Preparation of Christmas, it is also the beginning of a new Liturgical year (Cycle C – focus on Luke) as we will walk with Jesus Christ again from His Birth to His Throne!

We are serving at Parkview on December 12. Please volunteer if you can and also, we need folks to make cookies. Thanks.

We will have our Christmas Covered Dish meal and party on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. Mr .and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance as well!

Remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for all your Amazon purchases to earn free money for the church. If you haven't signed up yet, please get an instruction sheet from the Welcome Center.

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Parkview Ministries through Advent. There is a box in the Narthex for these gifts.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome for Greeters who would be willing to sit in the Narthex and greet any late comers. Thanks

#### First Sunday in Advent

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

**People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

*(Light a purple candle.)*

Zechariah's \_\_\_\_\_ !

1. We Know Who \_\_\_\_\_ !

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Wins!

3. Our Hope is that Sure Confidence that Jesus Wins for \_\_\_\_\_ !

(Hope, Wins, Jesus, Me)