



**December 2, 2018 11:15 a.m.**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*An Invitation to Advent*

*Song #82*

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*



## *Offering*

*Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.*

## *Communion of the People*

### *Invitation to the Lord's Table*

We live in troubling times.

There is far too much violence, injustice and suffering.

**Yet, as followers of Jesus, we do not despair,  
because there is hope for overcoming the darkness.**

Our hope is in the One who is the Bread of Life,  
who beckons us to love one another

**and to spread God's love throughout the world.**

### *The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Eternal God...

### *The Lord's Prayer*

### *Passing the Peace*

### *Words of Institution*

## *Sharing the Bread and Cup*

*The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.*

*When you approach communion servers, please take a piece of bread,  
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please tell a host so that you may be served.*

*For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.*

Song #543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

V. 1: Leader

Vs. 2 & 3: All

*Sending*

Light looked down and saw darkness.

**“I will go there,” said Light.**

Hope looked down and saw distress.

**“I will go there,” said Hope.**

So, the Lord of Light, the Promise of Hope,

**came down and crept in beside us.**

Song #543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

Vs. 4 & 5

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

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*Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone’s day. The flowers are given to the glory of God.*

*Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.*

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