



1st Sunday in Advent

Color: Blue (symbolizing hope)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

8:30 and 11:00 am Worship Service

December 3, 2017

As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.

* - Indicates those who are able may stand

Bold – Everyone speaks

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

FWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

*How do you feel going into this Advent season? Excited? Scared?
Joyful? Lovely? Worried or delighted? How will you invite God's hope into
your journey?*

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

8:30 Marsha Frederick

11:00 Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:30 Amy Steffian

11:00 Dave Flagg

As we light this lamp, we pray for the safety of all who are in harm's way this day and especially for all those in the midst of conflict.

Grant us peace, grant them peace, grant the world peace, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: A winter sky, dark and deep, pulling our hearts toward hope.

People: A winter sky, clear and endless, drawing a sigh from our soul.

Leader: When will our longing be over? When will a star appear and a cry be heard?

People: He is coming soon. We have Advent dreams and Advent hopes. He is coming soon.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come into our midst. Come into our hearts. Come into our homes and our community, into our schools and workplaces. May we welcome you everywhere, making room for you, preparing for you, anticipating your arrival with joy and reverence. We commit this season of Advent to becoming ready. Shine your light in those nooks and crannies we keep in the shadows. Sweep the cobwebs from our long-hidden doubt and fear. Repair our torn and wounded places. We long for your arrival. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2207

“Lord, Listen to Your Children”

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Brief prayers may be shared by people in the congregation.

If it is a prayer request, the Pastor will end the prayer by saying, “God, to your love...”

If it is a praise, the Pastor will say, “God, in thanksgiving...”

*Then the people shall respond each time by saying:
"...we trust this prayer."*

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem (11:00)

"Advent Cry"

Choir

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Offering our Gifts

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission)

To our first time visitors: As the offering plate is passed, please understand that your presence is the only gift we ask. If you would join us again next Sunday, that would be appreciated even more!

*Doxology

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Preparation (11:00)

UMH #221

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Isaiah 7:14

Psalm 31:17-24

Romans 15:7-13

*Mark 13:24-37

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

A Journey of Hope

Rev. Tim McConville

Holy Communion*

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #12
Responses TFWS #2257a-d

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Discipleship**

WAS #3047

"God Almighty, We Are Waiting"

***Taking Christ's Light into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** (*words on the overhead beams*)

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.

***Communion Note**

We also have a separate gluten-free bread and chalice available for those who cannot have gluten. Please ask the servers for "gluten-free".