

November 29th, 2020 Advent 1: Hope

Worship Link: <https://youtu.be/0QjZgpXCWFc>

OPENING REMARKS (with Carolyn and Chris)

PRELUDE: *O come, o come Emmanuel (-Tenor Recorder)*

LIGHTING OF THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE: *Hope (Led by Marilyn Kennedy)*

- *(Our advent liturgy is provided by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and attached in your email – this year written by TPC former minister Rev. Kristine O'Brien!! Indeed we benefitted from her writing skills, and now she shares this with our whole denomination this Advent Season. Join as "The People" as the words are on the screen or on separate attachment)*

Sung Response: #119 *Hope is a star*

by Brian Wren

(Please sing along with our choir if you wish, or enjoy their voices)

♪ Hope is a star that shines in the night leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain: When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth giving a promise of safety and worth.

Refrain

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn telling the world that the Saviour is born.

Refrain

Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S SONG & STORY: *Here I am to Worship*

by Tim Hughes

♪ Light of the world you stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you!

Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me



SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:1-12; John 1:-5 (NRSV) (read by Siep Nyholt)

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS: *Refrain: #114 Emmanuel*
(our Prayer utilizes a resource from the PCC website)

by Bob McGee

Creator God, you made the heavens and the earth...

♪ *Refrain:*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel his name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel*

Loving God, we come today, each of us with prayers in our hearts...

♪ *Refrain*

We remember those who are feeling very isolated this year...

♪ *Refrain*

ASSURANCE:

SERMON: *Lighting the World with Hope*

HYMN: #118 *Hark the Glad Sound (vs 1, 3 & 4)*

by Philip Doddridge

♪ Hark the glad sound!
The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song!

You come the broken
heart to bind,
The wounded soul to cure,
To bring the treasures
Of God's grace,
Good tidings for the poor.

Our glad hosannas,
Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With your most honoured name.



BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE (*People Look East – Violin*)