



# First Sunday of Advent

## November 30, 2025

**Preaching**  
Anne Marie Spelman

**Worship Leader**  
Carrie Phillips

**Pianist/Organist**  
Laura Hartzler

### ***Gathering***

Music Calls Us to Worship

Welcome, Announcements, Centering

Advent Candle Lighting and Litany Tom & Sue Schaaf

One: *We have been wandering in the dark, fear engulfing us like a burning furnace.  
We long for your hope to find us and silence the flames of our fears.*

**Many: Come, Hope of the world. Come amaze us.**

**All: May your hope flood the flames of our fears.**

Prelude Sing We Now of Christmas Douglas Wagner

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* VT 218

\*Responsive Reading

One: God of our ancestors, you are our constant hope through all the ages.

**Many: We come eager for stories of you standing among us. We come  
longing to feel your presence among your people once again.**

One: As the days darken around us, hope can feel a distant memory

**Many: Even in the middle of trials, we keep our eyes on you. Our allegiance  
is to you alone.**

One: Trust in God's steadfast love. Stand in amazement, ready to recognize  
God already among us here, in this place.

**All: Our hope is in you, O God. Fill our hearts with the courage of our  
ancestors. Ready us to enter their story and be amazed.**

### ***Telling God's Story***

Conversation with Children Jeff Gundy & Tim Byers

VT 211  
*Hope Is a Candle*  
*v. 1 Coming forward and returning to seats*

Community Prayer  
*The Lord's Prayer (Miller)*

Carrie Mast  
VT 673

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-2 Patrick & John Estell  
Daniel 3:1, 8-30

Message *Be Amazed: Hope in the Furnace*

### ***Living God's Story***

\*Hymn of Response *There Is More Love Somewhere* VT 804

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

*"Veni, Veni"*

Chip Davis

### ***Sending***

\*Hymn of Sending *Sometimes a Light Surprises* VT 618

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

*VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book) 🎵 : Favorite Hymn*

*Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.*

*Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.*

*Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.*

*Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you're welcome to come back.*

*As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*