



**Newtown United Methodist Church**

**November 29, 2020**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

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**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE "Prelude in C" from the Well Tempered Clavier  
Book 1 - BWV 846, JS Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**WE PREPARE TO HEAR**

CHOIR INTROIT "My Lord, what a Mornin'"  
Spiritual arr. HT Burleigh

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
UMH #196 (see back)

OPENING PRAYER

**O great God of surprises, arriving in expected times and places, help us to remain awake and alert, ever watchful for your arrivals: that we may be ready to share in the work you are doing in our world wherever and whenever you may break into our lives. This we pray in the name of our Savior, who taught us, among so many things, to be watchful. Amen.**

**WE HEAR**

ANTHEM "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"  
Spiritual, arr. C Hanson

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 13:24-37 (see back)

SERMON "Waiting, Watching and Keeping Awake"

**WE RESPOND TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" UMH 881  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**DEDICATING OUR RESOURCES TO GOD**

OFFERTORY "Greensleeves" arr. Tim Shaw  
DOXOLOGY UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

**Creator God, renew our spirits by your Holy Spirit so that our giving of ourselves to you may not be a burden to us, but a delight; and give us a great love for you so that our positive response to your will may be our most treasured joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (see sheet)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

**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.**

**WE GO BACK INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Veni Emanuel" arr. Tim Shaw

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**Welcome to worship!** We are so glad you are here. **Children** are invited to join Miss Debbie in the front of the parking lot for the Children's Message (which, during

Advent, will be part of the Lighting of the Advent Wreath).  
Mats will be provided for sitting!

**We welcome** Ashley Kreiling and Nancy McCarthy to membership!

### **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH #196**

**1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**2. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

### **Mark 13:24-37**

**24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.**

**28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

**32 “But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch;[a] for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Watch therefore—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning— 36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Watch.”**