

# Wesley Park United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent  
9 am - November 27, 2016

## We Gather Together

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

**\*Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope**

One: Isaiah 2:1-5

**All: The first candle of Advent represents Hope.**

One: (The Acolyte lights the first candle.)

**All: Long ago the prophet Isaiah told of the Messiah whom God would send to lead faithful people.**

One: For many years the people have waited with Hope in their hearts.

**All: We hope for the Savior to fill our hearts with love that will bless the world.**

One: May the Prince of Hope be with you! Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for the faith of those who look forward to the coming of the Christ-Child. Guide us as we plan and prepare this Advent season. Help us to share your Hope gladly with others. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**Children's Blessing**

## We Receive the Word

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed #203, verse 1**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!**

**Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!**

**He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;**

**to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**Sermon**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed** Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

## We Respond to the Word

**Choral Anthem**

**Stewardship Celebration and Invitation**

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**Offertory**

**\*Prepare the Way of the Lord #207**

**Prepare the way of the Lord.**

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**And all people will see the  
Salvation of our God.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of the Advent, as we joyfully enter this time of waiting, we feel nestled and safe in your everlasting peace. You have taught us the paths and choices that lead to being in your Temple. We wait hushed in anticipation of the coming of your son. He serves as the guide of our lives and the shepherd of our souls. We hope to emulate his generosity and compassion as we share these gifts. Use these gifts so others can be blanketed with the warmth of your unconditional love, like a newborn baby wrapped in the loving arms of a parent. Amen.

## We Take the Word into the World

**\*Hymn**

**\*Blessing**

God bless you, sisters and brothers. May Christ keep us in the faith until the day we shall appear before his presence.

**Postlude**

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*\*Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*

### Ministering Today - 9 am

Greeters	Betty Stoutjesdyk, Freddi Angus, Nancy Chambers
Acolyte	Anna Reidel
Ushers	Deb Hodges, Dennis Strong, Ken & Linda McKenney
Musician	Liz Montcastle
Sound Tech	Dan Scribner
Video Tech	Brad Jeltama
Nursery	Skyler Maitner, Sheryl Jones
Child Advocate	Phyllis Prentiss, Skyler Maitner

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