

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**Sunday November 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

The Life and Work of the St. Bart's Community  
Prelude: Song of Hope

R. Wagner

**Call to Worship**

One: Arise and shine; a new day is dawning; a day of Hope!

**All: Today, the Season of Advent begins. Advent means "coming" and we prepare for the coming of Jesus.**

One: We prepare to celebrate the "coming" of Jesus in a manger; we welcome Jesus "coming" to us now through the Holy Spirit; and we look forward to Jesus "coming" when Hope is fulfilled.

**All: We Hope for ourselves and for the world; for peace, joy and love. Let's worship God together!**

**Greeting**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** (Greet each other with a sign of peace.)

**Lighting the First Advent Candle of Hope**

**Opening Hymn: Will You Come and See the Light**

**VU 96**

**Prayer of Approach**

**All: Gracious God, before the dawn of time, you were; after its setting, you shall be; all time exists in your gracious love. You chose us in Christ and destined us for love. This is the foundation of our hope. Forgive us if we forget that this is your time: time for reconciliation; time for healing; time for new life. Awaken us to the time of our lives with new and risen hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Youth Time: *"What's Coming?"*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

"May God's Word be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path."

Organ Solo: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

J. Wyeth

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "Hope"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

**Hymn: Deep in Our Hearts**

**MV 154**

### The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Dedication

**A New Creed**

**VU p.918**

### Prayers of the People

**Prayer Prelude: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

**VU 400**

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

**The Lord's Prayer**

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD

**Hymn: Hope Is a Star**

**VU 7**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude: People Look East

Traditional Hymn Tune

## NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Worship Leader:	Rev. Jeff Bacon
Director of Music:	Dorean Boss
Scripture Readers:	Lorraine Boomhour & Terry Owen
Minute for Mission:	Bev Thacker
Sound & Video:	Lori Pereira
Social Media:	Steve Rhodes



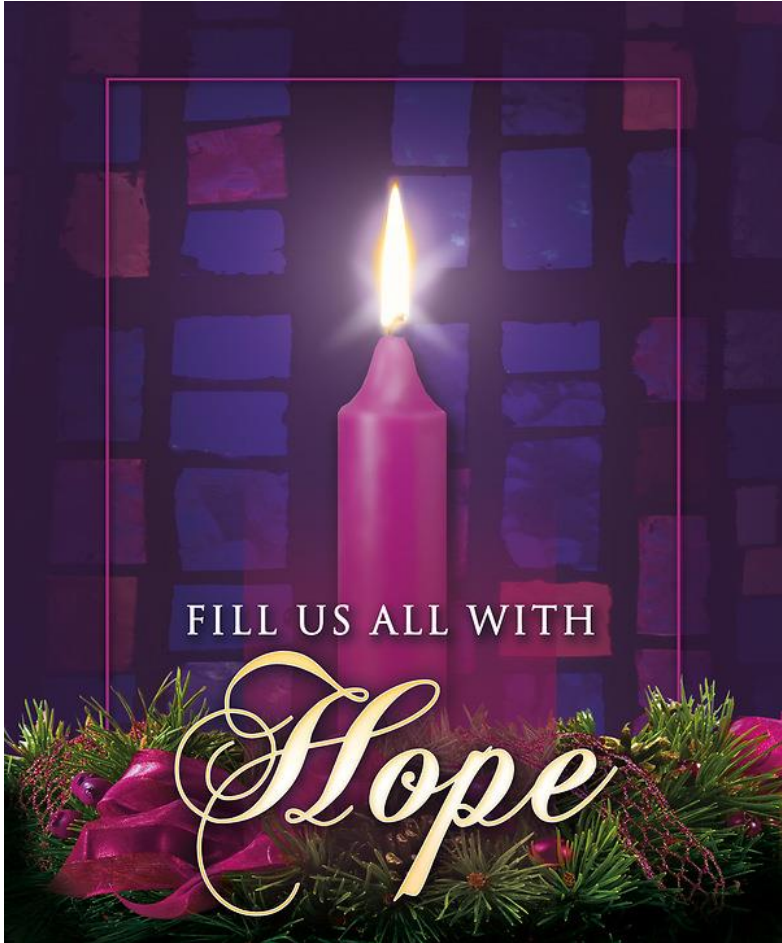
The beautiful poinsettias in the Sanctuary today are from Bev Poersch and family in memory of Bev's parents Alma & Hugh Laidlaw, Bev's brother Ron Laidlaw, and Bev's Granny Wreatha Sterritt.



Joanne Moote Concisom, Emmett Young, Andy Bertrand, Grace Longfield, Jean White, Barbara Matthews, Isaac Moreithi, Bob White, all those who are dear to us, and all of us in our isolation.

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***First Sunday of Advent***



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We are a Christian community of faith growing spiritually by serving others and Creation through meaningful worship and music accompanied by compassionate, thoughtful care and outreach.