

**NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**First Sunday in Advent – November 28, 2021**

**Prelude**                      *“The Holly & The Ivy”*                      arr. by Joseph M. Martin

**Hanging of the Greens**

\*Hymn 202 (vs. 1 & 4)                      *“People Look East”*                      Farjeon

**Welcome and Announcements**                      Maura McCoy

**Call to Worship**

**LEADER:** The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

**PEOPLE: JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL FILL THE LAND AND ALL WILL LIVE IN PEACE AND SAFETY.**

**Opening Prayer**                      Rev. Mark Vickers

\*Hymn 196                      *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*                      Wesley

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**                      Megan, Chase & Beau Boyles

**READER:** “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

**READER:** Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

**PEOPLE: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

**READER:** On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

**Service of Dedication of Church Furnishings**

**Old Testament Lesson**                      Jeremiah 33:14-16                      Maura McCoy

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. AMEN.

**Offering Prayer**                      Rev. Mark Vickers

**Offertory**                      *“O Come, Emmanuel”*                      by Eugene Butler

\*Doxology

**Prayer Concerns**

**Prayer Song**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of the People**

Rev. Mark Vickers

**Scripture**

Luke 21: 25-36

Maura McCoy

**Sermon**

“Here He Comes”

Rev. Mark Vickers

**\*Hymn 206** (vs. 1 & 2) *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* Thomerson

**\*Benediction/Sending Forth**

Rev. Mark Vickers

**Postlude**

***\*Stand as you are able***