

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday December 1st
1st Sunday of Advent: Hope
In the Beginning

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Come Thou Long Expected Jesus –
Meredith Andrews Version

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Something Stirs,

And we move in response.

Our souls begin to awaken,

A candle is lit within our core.

A Word whispers to us,

And creates in us, Hope.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord you have been at work in the world since it began, crafting and creating. God you have ordered and guided, by calling forth the light. Call forth the light into our hearts and lives, light the candle of Hope in us that we would become bearers of it for the world. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES - Hope

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER Waiting, Waiting by James Ritchie

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN O God Who Shaped Creation UMH 443

TIME OF PRAYER

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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 now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH 206 v1

LESSON 1 Genesis 1: 1-3 CEB

When God began to create the heavens and the earth— 2 the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters— 3 God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

*LESSON 2 John 1: 1-4 CEB

**In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
2 The Word was with God in the beginning.
3 Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.**

but with our whole lives. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Is right...we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Glory be to you, O Lord most high! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Almighty God...in remembrance of me

BREAKING OF BREAD

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, to partake of this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE