



# to WORSHIP

## **St. Paul's United Church**

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

Worship Leader: Rev. Piotr Strzelecki

Musician: Clayton Braybrook

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## **WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH on FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all  
**And also with you**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Today we begin a new journey in a new Christian  
year—a journey of waiting, hoping, and anticipating.

**With God, we embark on a journey of hope,  
peace, joy and love.**

Today we seek new insights  
and new understandings.

**We give thanks for the ways in which God has  
brought us to this moment.**

Today we are clear that we are not alone.

**God is among us, drawing us into a time of  
renewal and opening us to a moment of grace.**

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**WE SING:** “Hope Is a Star” (VU# 7)

**WE ARE NOT ALONE:**

*The lighting of the Christ Candle ((Matthew 18:20/John 8:12)*

The Advent season is a time known for candles, coloured lights, and bright stars.

**This four-week-long season points us toward the cradle of Bethlehem and the cross of Calvary.**

It is important that we light the candles to remind us that we do not live in the shadows of despair and discouragement.

**We are a people of light and hope.**

Today we light the candle of hope.

**To guide us on our journey to Bethlehem.**

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*-- the candle is lit --*

*(During the lighting of the candle  
the choir will sing “Abana”, the Lord’s Prayer from the  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt, we will sing it  
together later in the service)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

We are here,

**expectantly seeking you again, O God, anxiously  
awaiting your coming in your child, Jesus, our  
Christ.**

**Be present with us in this hour of worship,  
we pray, and be present with us wherever  
we journey with our hopes held high.  
Amen.**

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## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

### **WE LEARN TOGETHER**

*(time for our younger brothers and sisters)*

**WE SING:** “Prepare the Way of the Lord” (VU# 10)

### **WE READ FROM OUR SACRED STORY**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 24:36-44

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**May our hearts and ears be opened.***

## **REFLECTION**

**WE SING:** “Hope Shines...” (MV# 220) 3-5X

## **WE DEDICATE WHAT WE BRING:**

God of Great Expectations, we are so blessed!  
You have endowed us with myriad gifts in  
myriad ways.

The friends of faith with whom we break bread  
and those we touch through the sharing of our  
offerings bring special blessings to our lives.  
Thank you for making generosity and gift-giving.  
part of our Advent journey.  
**Amen.**

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## **OUR PRAYERS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*"Abana in Heaven"*)

**WE SING:** "Dream a Dream" (MV# 158)

## **PASTORAL BLESSING**

... and may the blessing of God,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be with you now and always  
**Amen!**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

As you go from here, to share the Good News  
with all those you will encounter,  
as you go from here ...  
may the Peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you**