

**Words to Ponder: “ If we walk in righteousness God will carry us through.”**

—A.B. Simpson, Founder, Christian Missionary Alliance

**Gathering Music**

**Music Ministry**

**Words of Welcome | +Passing of the Peace**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle “Hope”**

**The Green Family**

**“Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.”**

(“Wait for the Lord,” Glory to God, #90)

**Call to Worship**

**Duane Lyons**

Christ is coming!

**We see the signs!**

Christ is coming!

**We will be ready!**

Christ is coming! Raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near!

**Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.**

**+Opening Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

**PH #8**

**Call to Confession**

**Duane Lyons**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgement and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace in the midst of our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance (2 Corinthians 5:17; Book of Common Worship)**

**Children’s Message**

**“Hope”**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Anthem**

**“Agnus Dei”**

**Music Ministry**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Duane Lyons**

**Scripture**

**Psalm 25:1-7**

**Duane Lyons**

**Sermon**

**“Being Watchful”**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**Luke 21:29-36**

**Words of Faith** (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39, Book of Common Worship)

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Rev. Ann Hayman | Elder Glenn Johnson**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution and the Sharing of the Elements**

**"Do This In Remembrance of Me"**

**Prayer following Communion**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**The Offering**

**Call to Giving** (2 Peter 3:8-15)

**Duane Lyons**

**Offertory**

**Music Ministry**

**+Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all  
creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Duane Lyons**

**Announcements**

**Duane Lyons**

**+Closing Hymn**

**"O Lord, How Shall I Greet You?"**

**PH #11**

**+Benediction**

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

**We do not leave this sanctuary and leave God behind.**

**God's call to prepare our hearts, our minds, our communities and our  
world for the coming Christ, is clear.**

**May this call be ever before us; guiding us, inspiring us, enabling us to be  
Christ's body – his hands, his feet, his heart – in this, God's world.**

**May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer  
and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.**

**Postlude "If We Never Pass This Way Again"**

**Michael Turner, Piano**