

**Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ**  
November 27, 2022 at 10:00am  
First Sunday of Advent

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Rev. Gary Faleide, Pastor  
Mike Molloy, Worship Artist  
Diane Marelli, Worship Artist  
Nayna Byers, Liturgist  
Jean Hegner, Reader  
Candle Lighters, Sharon and Gary Faleide

**Gathering Music/Prelude**

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

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**Greeting**

*One:* This is the day the Lord has made!

*All:* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Call to Worship**

*(Inspired by Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:15)*

*One:* I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of  
the Giver of hope!"

*All:* **We come today with eager expectation. Our feet are standing  
within God's gates.**

*One:* Come, let us go up to the mountain that the Giver may teach  
us the way of peace.

*All:* **We come today with holy expectation. Our hands are lifted  
with grateful praise.**

*One:* We gather at the edge of the throne of justice.

*All:* **Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

Please stand, if you are able, to sing the first stanza of **"When God is a Child"**.

### **Song**

"When God is a Child" (Stanza 1)

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Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.

### **Candle Lighting Litany:** The Hope Candle

*Liturgy Adapted from the Rev. Wendy Sherer, ©2020 Clergy Stuff*

Sharon and Gary Faleide

*One:* We yearn and we hope. We wait for God's promises to be fully realized.

**All: So, too, did people for centuries yearn and hope for the Messiah to come.**

*One:* (Lighting the **PURPLE** Hope Candle) We light this candle as a sign of hope.  
We are watching and waiting for God's sign of hope yet to come.

**All: We see this light for what it is - a sign of hope in a suffering world  
yearning for the promise.**

*One:* In our watching and waiting, we give thanks for the gift of hope. Amen.

### **Opening Song**

**"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"**

Chalice Hymnal #138

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Awake!, awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning,  
sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he who opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.

In deepest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the silent join in song, the tired shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless;  
love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story,  
may God fill ev'ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

### **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Please rise and greet your neighbor in peace.

*(Pause for Greetings)*

One: Let us take a moment of silence to invite  
God's peace to wash over us.

### **Morning Prayer**

Rev. Gary Faleide

### **Song of Praise**

**"Gloria Patri"**

Glory to God Hymnal #581

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Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Jean Hegner, Reader

### **The Word in Music**

**"My Lord, What a Morning"**

Harry T. Burleigh

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## Sermon

Rev. Gary Faleide

### **“The End, Again”**

## Reflection Song

### **“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

Chalice Hymnal #125

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Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set your people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.  
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;  
dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.  
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord’s Prayer

### Offering our Gifts and Prayers

#### Invitation

**Online Giving:** [lyonsvillechurch.org/donate](https://lyonsvillechurch.org/donate) OR via the “Realm Connect” app

**Mail Giving:** Mail contributions to: 6871 Joliet Road, Indian Head Park IL 60525.

#### Music at the Offertory

##### **“Nearer My God to Thee”**

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#### Doxology

#### Prayer of Thanks

## Announcements

- We will be accepting donations for UCC Christmas Fund/Veterans of the Cross through 12/4/22.
- Advent Bible Study: Wednesdays 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 6:30-8:00pm. Topic: "At What Point Does Jesus Become Divine?" You may also participate via Zoom. We will share dinner together.
- Cindi Fiandaca is coordinating our Manna Gift Card Fundraiser. A portion of the sales will go towards the church. Today is the last day Cindi will be accepting orders. Ordered gift cards will be delivered by 12/4.
- There will be a Christmas Eve Service here in the Chapel at 7:00pm and on Zoom.
- There will be no worship services Christmas Day 12/25 and New Years Day 1/1.

## Closing Song

### **"My Hope Is Built"**

Chalice Hymnal #537

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

## Spoken Blessing

Rev. Gary Faleide

*One:* Be people of hope.

**All: Let hope live in your heart and share the hope of Christ with all you meet.**

*One:* Share hope by noticing someone else's humanity.

**All: Share hope by listening to someone's story.**

*One:* Share hope by praying for our world.

**All: In this Advent season, we need to see, feel,  
and share hope.**

*One:* As you go out into the wonder of God's creations,  
share hope with those you meet. Amen.

### **Sung Blessing**

*"Go In Peace"*

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**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.**

**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

**Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!**

**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

### **Postlude**

***"The Advent of Our God"***

Aaron Williams

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