



Welcome to Grace

Sunday, November 30, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.
Order of Service – First Sunday in Advent

Lead Elder: Brian Wilson

Preacher: Ken Saah Fon

Music Ministry: Kimberley Allen-McGill and the Grace Worship Team

Prelude: Emmanuel, Emmanuel *BP114* (Kim + Worship Team)

Welcome and Announcements (Brian Wilson)

Call to Worship/Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope (Jim Richmond & Margaret Fatona)

Reader 1: Good morning, Grace church! Please join us as we light the Candle of Hope. The reading will come on the screen. Are you ready?

Reader 2: When the world is in a mess, the Prophet Isaiah calls to God in hope. He says:

Reader 1: “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ... Come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!”

Reader 2: When tears fall by the bowlful, the Psalmist calls to God in hope. He says:

All: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Reader 2: In King Jesus, God answered Isaiah; God answered the Psalmist; and God answers us.

All: In Jesus, God came among us. He will come again.

Reader 1: Paul spells out our hope: “God will keep you firm to the end, so you’ll be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

[A reader lights the Hope candle]

Reader 2: We light the Hope candle, for Jesus is God’s Word of Hope. let’s pray:

All: Lord Jesus, in our rush to Christmas, we forget to watch and wait for *you*. We flirt with despair, yet you invite us to embrace hope. You call us to look beyond ourselves, and to share your love with others.

[Silent prayer]

God, send your hope into our world. Shine your light into our neighbourhood. Give us hope stronger than darkness, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Reader 2: There is Great Good News! Are you ready for Good News?

As far as east is from west, so far has God removed our sin from us. In Jesus, we are forgiven people! Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting Song: Hope is a star *BP119 vs. 1*

Song 1: Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel *BP122 vs. 1, 2, 6, 7*

Song 2: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus *BP110*

Second Reading: Mark 5:25-34 (Leslie Bryson)

Offertory Anthem: Light of the World *by Lauren Daigle* (Worship Team)

Doxology (Sung) In the bleak mid-winter *BP145 vs. 4*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Ken Saah Fon)

A Prayer for the Children (Majelle Guillemette)

Song 3: Light One Candle *by Natalie Sleeth*

Pastoral Prayer (Brian Wilson)

Third Reading: Matthew 8:5-13 (Ken Saah Fon)

Sermon: Understanding the levels of Faith (Ken Saah Fon)

Song 4: May the God of Hope Go with Us Every Day *BP726*

Benediction (Ken Saah Fon)

Sung Blessing I am walking a path of hope (peace, joy, love)

Postlude: Lo, Christ Comes with clouds descending *BP120* (Kim - Instrumental)

Please join us after the service for coffee/tea in St-Andrew's Hall!

