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**Welcome Visitors!** We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, more.

**I. Prelude - “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
(Andra Moran)**

**II. Welcome (Pastor Jesse)**

Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00

Thursday Bible Study on 1-2 Samuel begins  
December 3.

Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday

Worship, 10:00 next Sunday

Submissions for “Guess Whose Library”

**III. Opening Hymn – CH #125 “Come, O Long  
Expected Jesus”**

**IV. Invocation – (Joe Rogers)**

We turn towards You, God of Hope, in a year when hope has seemed fleeting and far away. Throughout time, You have been our ever-present help and hope in times of need and we are calling on You, most Faithful One, to fill us with Your hopeful presence again.

In the space of this time together, may the stories of assurance and steadfastness once again rekindle our hearts, minds and souls as we come with our Advent-Ready selves. Move through us as we engage with the prophets and stories of old. Inspire us as we trod a familiar path to the stable. Lead us out into a weary world to be the bringers of hope again, we pray. Amen.

## **V. Advent Candle Lighting – (The Erwin Family)**

### **VI. Candle Lighting Song – CH #128 “One Candle is Lit” vs. 1 (Josh)**

Come surely Lord Jesus as dawn follows night  
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light  
Salvation draw near us, our vision engage  
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

### **VII. Psalm 146 – (Andra Moran)**

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith for ever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

### **VIII. Sermon - “Hope is an Unexpected Gift” (Pastor Jesse)**

### **IX. Song of Reflection CH #142 “People, Look East”**

People look east, the time is near  
of the crowning of the year  
Make your house fair as you are able  
Trim the hearth and set the table,  
People look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way

Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there  
Give us your strength the seed to nourish  
That in the course the flower may flourish  
People look east: Love, the Rose, is on the way!

Stars, keep the watch when night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim  
Shining beyond the frosty weather  
Bright as sun and moon together  
People look east: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming  
People look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way!

## **X. Moment for Mission – (Reverse Advent Calendar Project)**

## **XI. Prayers of the People – (Mary Kearns)**

## **XII. Communion Song CP #411 “For the Bread, Which You Have Broken”**

For the bread which you have broken  
For the wine, which you have poured  
For the words, which you have spoken  
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By these pledges that you love us,  
By your gift of peace restored  
By your call to heaven above us  
Consecrate our lives, O Lord.

In your service Lord defend us  
Help us to obey your word  
In the world to which you send us  
Let your will be done, O Lord.

## **XII. Institution of Communion (Elders Bill Peterson and Jacky Smith)**

## **XIII. Blessing/Benediction**

## **XIV. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)**

## **XV. Fellowship Time in breakout rooms.**

### **Credits:**

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## Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What's a "Doxology"?** Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord's Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We'd love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you'll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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## CALENDAR

**November 29th-December 6th, 2020**

### **This Sunday—First Sunday of Advent: Hope**

9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation  
Christian Education, on [Zoom](#)  
10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and  
[Facebook](#)

### **Tuesday**

1:00 p.m. Weekly Check-in, [Zoom](#)  
7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting, [Zoom](#)

### **Wednesday**

9-11 a.m. Drop off time for Christmas Projects  
Christmas Projects!  
For more information see the weekly Calleritos

### **Thursday**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study, [Zoom](#)

### **Next Sunday—Second Sunday of Advent: Peace**

9:00 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation  
Christian Education, on [Zoom](#)  
10:00 a.m. Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and  
[Facebook](#)