

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 2, 2018, 11:00 am

Advent 1

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

Advent Candle Litany

* Hymn: "Loves Pure Light" *(see insert)*

One: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

One: In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

One: In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

One: In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

* Candle Lighting

* Hymn: "Loves Pure Light" *(see insert)*

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: This season of Advent is gaining speed ...

All: and we're preparing for the journey ahead.

One: There's a lot to do...

All: and the Spirit is with us in all our preparations.

One: We're anxious to get at it, and ...

All: God steadies our patience.

One: We live in hope for the coming of the Messiah.

All: Fill us with the Spirit in life's celebrations as we worship on this day.

* Opening Prayer:

One: Prepare your way within us, O God, as the new year of life in your Church unfolds.

All: Make us a people ready to receive you, to learn from you, to receive your gifts, and to live out your calling in mission.

One: Prepare your way within us and fill us with hope, we pray, through the name of the Coming One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Listening

Giving Tree Acknowledgements

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Hark the Glad Sound" VU #29
Vs: 1,3,4

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Anthem: "Let All Mortal Flesh"

Sermon: 'H' is for Hope

* Hymn: "Hope is a Star" VU #7 vs.1

