

CAPE COD COVENANT CHURCH
First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2019 10:30AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Come, Messiah King Vader/Larson

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE Bill and Margaret Potter
May this Advent season, and its mighty message of hope be with you all!
And also with you!

The prophet Isaiah declares:
*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the
Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears
with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will
give decisions for the poor of the earth.*

**We begin this new Church year by celebrating the promise that Christ who came
to us at Bethlehem, will indeed come to us again in glory and power.**
Though we live in a world of darkness, we are people of the light.
For the light shines in the darkness. This is our hope.

Like those before us, we lift our voices, singing in expectant prayer:

**(piano intro) O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*ADVENT PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Lord Jesus, send now Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who
are anxious over many things look forward to the hope of Your presence coming
among us. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice of
peace during these days of preparation. We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of Your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the
love that You alone bring. We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking
the long-awaited coming light. To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus! Come!" Amen.**

*HYMN Come, You People of the Promise 130

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 pg. 484
Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44 pg. 701

*GLORIA PATRI 2nd Century
**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.**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Choral Anthem Like a Child, I Wait Schram
*Doxology 48

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavn'ly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

*HYMN We Wait for a Great and Glorious Day 772

SERMON Advent: Points of Reference Rev. Tom Nelson, Pastor Emeritus

HYMN I With You Would Begin 400

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Apostles' Creed 878

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Words of Institution
Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*BENEDICTION Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (v.1) 135
**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our hope in thee**

- For hearing enhancement devices or information on our T-Loop Hearing System, please visit our morning ushers.
- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.**
- Children are invited to visit our YOUNG READERS LENDING LIBRARY (shaped like a lighthouse and located next to the elevator in the narthex) to borrow an age-appropriate bible to read during the service
- Nursery care is available downstairs in our infant/toddler nursery

Flute: Mary Avellar

Scripture Reader: Rev. Judith McCullough

Communion Servers: Steve Dowling, Stuart Eyman, Bill Holden, and Henry Jessop



Welcome! We are thrilled that you have chosen to join with us this morning as we worship our amazing God of grace and love. We hope that you will discover this to be a place where you can BELONG, BELIEVE and BECOME. If you are here with us for the first time, please be sure to visit our church website, www.capecodcovenantchurch.com for more information about our congregation, and our many ministry opportunities.

Pastor:	Rev. Johnny Agurkis
Pastor Emeritus:	Rev. Thomas Nelson
Administrator:	Joan Thompson
Accompanist:	Sara Pattie
Custodian:	Bob Wilson



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
For a child has been born – for us!
The gift of a son – for us!

-from Isaiah 9 (The Message)