

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Sunday, December 2, 2018**  
**Foothills United Church, Calgary**  
**Advent 1**

**1. GATHERING**

**Pre-sing 10:15am.**

**Presider:** Orson Mothersole (LWL)

**Greeting**

**Lighting the Advent Candle**

Today we light the Advent candle of Hope  
(The first Candle is lit.)

**We welcome the light that pierces the shadows,  
the light that affirms God's presence, the light  
that enables us to move forward in faith.**

Come, Holy Stranger, beacon of hope on this  
Advent Journey: welcome us as we welcome you.

**We receive the light of hope.**

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**Call to Worship**

We are pilgrims on a journey.  
**We move with confidence and with hope,  
For God is by our side.**

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We are believers, on an excursion.  
**We move ahead, knowing that we are not alone.**  
We are neighbours, on an expedition.  
**We head into the unknown,  
Confident that God goes with us.**  
Come pilgrims, let us worship God.

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**Opening Prayer**

We pray for hope,  
In a world that sometimes feels hopeless:  
God, grant us a vision of your future,  
so we may have hope.  
Let it give us strength in hard times and  
be a cause for celebration in times of delight.  
Amen.

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**Hymn: VU #595  
"We Are Pilgrims"**

**Confession & Assurance**

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**Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you!**

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**Centering Music:**

**MV. #173, V1**

**“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”**

**LISTENING**

**Hebrew Text:**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Responsive Reading:**

**Psalms 25: Refrain 2**

**VU #752**

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 21:25-36**

**Hymn: MV #97**

**“Listen, God is Calling”**

**Reflection**

**RESPONDING:**

**Hymn: VU #2**

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

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**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Candles**

**The Lord’s Prayer (Sung)**

**VU: #959**

**Offering Invitation**

**Hymn: VU #540**

**“Grant Us, God, The Grace”**

**Dedication Prayer**

**Here, O God, are gifts:  
not for us, but for your work in the world.  
Bless them, we pray,  
that they may become connections,  
that they may transform the world in hope.  
That they may transform us  
as we seek to live actively in hope.  
Amen.**

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**Communion**

**5**  
**SENDING**

**News, Plans, Birthdays**

**Hymn: VU #6**  
**“A Candle is Burning”**

**Blessing**

**Postlude Music**