

*First Sunday of Advent*



***“Making Room for Hope”***

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25: 4-5

**PRELUDE**—*Chorale Fantasy on 'O komm, O komm, Immanuel* (H. Stamm)

Sungyun Kim

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

**\* LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP /**

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford, The Turner Family

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: As we enter the Advent season, how can our church become a house where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

**All: Come quickly, 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.**

Readers: Today we offer the Light of Hope to illumine the Door of Welcome.  
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.  
May Hope awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.  
There IS room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

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Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.  
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.  
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\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

\* **OPENING HYMN**—#125 *Come, O Long-expected Jesus* (vs. 1, 2)

*Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.  
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;  
Dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.*

*Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.  
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

**Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for hope to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of our hearts to honesty before God  
about what we've done and left undone that created less hope in a hurting world.

Let us breathe out this regret...  
and breathe in the life-giving, for-giving Spirit of God...  
and out again with the Peace of Christ...

**Make of my life a stable, a house for the holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for hope to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of our lives to the call of the Spirit,  
inviting us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

Let us breathe out our fear...  
and breathe in the courage of the Spirit of God...  
and out again, with the Peace of Christ...

**Make of our church a stable, a house for the holy,  
a warm and sturdy place for hope to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of this church, filling it with  
the compassion of Christ for all those who are struggling.

We remember and pray for...

May the Advent of Compassion be born in us, reside within us,  
move outward from us, to meet the needs of the world,  
making a house for the Holy that is each and every child of God.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Megan Turner

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Rev. Megan Turner

**OFFERING**

Rev. Megan Turner

\* **DOXOLOGY**—#46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Megan Turner

**SCRIPTURE READING**—Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Psalm 25:4-5 Linda Newman

**ANTHEM**—“*Of the Father’s Love Begotten*” (D. Grotenhuis) Northway Chancel Choir  
Bill Coburn, Trumpet

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** —“*Making Room for Hope*” Rev. Virzola Law

**INVITATION** Rev. Virzola Law

\* **PASSING THE PEACE** Rev. Cheryl Scramuzza

As part of our Table centered spirituality, the “peace of Christ” is offered as a sign of our reconciliation to God and neighbor. It is a visible symbol of our being “a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world,” preparing us to “welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”

**COMMUNION HYMN**—#408 *Come, Share the Lord* (vs. 1)

*We gather here in Jesus’ name,  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one;  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** Rev. Cheryl Scramuzza

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** Donna Schmidt, Rev. Charles Darwin

Leader: The Body of Christ was given for us. **People: Amen**  
Leader: The Blood of Christ was poured out for us. **People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP** Rev. Cheryl Scramuzza

We believe in “open communion” as a church, which means that we do not require you to be a member of Northway in order to participate in the service of the Lord’s Supper. Remember what God has done for you in Christ and respond by faith. You don’t have to have it all figured out or recite a creed; it is not a requirement of the head, but an invitation addressed to your heart.

Committed to our value of an Open Table—  
inviting all to the table where our diversity finds unity in Christ.

\* CLOSING CAROL—#144 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1, 4)

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, desend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our God, Emmanuel.*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Virzola Law

**POSTLUDE**—*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* (P. Manz)

Sungyun Kim

## WELCOME

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! Northway’s mission is to Share Christ with those seeking meaning and purpose. That’s why, in addition to worship, we also provide ways for you to discover the God we know in Jesus Christ, to connect with one another, and serve others from our front doorsteps to the ends of the earth. We would love to help you take the next step in your own search for...a church home...deeper engagement with scripture...meaningful relationships...meaning and purpose in your life.

Do you have questions about Northway? To learn more about our beliefs, history, staff, and opportunities, please visit the Welcome Center, located at the main entrance off the Northwest Hwy. parking lot. If you would prefer to speak to a staff member Monday through Friday, please call 214.361.6641.

## A LOOK AHEAD AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

Event Date	Event Name	Start Time	Location	
<b>Sunday, November 28, 2021</b>	Reception for Rev. Cheryl Scramuzza	11:00AM	F-101	
	Fidelis & Friends Class	11:15AM	E-116	
<b>Monday, November 29, 2021</b>	Tai Chi	10:30AM	F-101	
<b>Wednesday, December 1, 2021</b>	Churchwide Transformation Prayer	12:00PM	Conference Call	
	(Following the Prayer Call)	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00PM	Parlor
		Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM	W-103
<b>Thursday, December 2, 2021</b>	MOPS Meeting	9:15AM	F-103	
<b>Saturday, December 4, 2021</b>	Solomon’s Porch (Men’s Group)	7:30AM	Parlor	
		Supper with Santa & Lighting Ceremony	4:30 PM	Narthex

**PLEASE REGISTER  
YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE:**

