

First Sunday of Advent: HOPE



Luke 1:5-13

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Scott Ayers

WELCOME

Rev. Virzola Law

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING—#128 *One Candle is Lit* (vs.1)

Russell & Lisa Church

*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.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On Sundays and Mondays

Many: **on good days and bad days,**

One: early in the morning and very late at night,

Many: **here in this room, and out in the world, God, we long for you to break in.**

One: Meet us in this space.

Many: **Surprise us with your presence.**

One: Fill this room with your good news.

Many: **With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray.**

*OPENING HYMN — *In the Time of Herod* (vv. 1, 3-4)

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*In the time of Herod, fear had taken hold.
Hope was buried deep and hidden, rare as gold.
Ordinary people dared not speak aloud.
Dreams of the Messiah breaking through the clouds.
Piercing through the stratus comes the angels' song.
"Do not fear!" rings hollow when we've feared so long.
Still in the recesses of our weary souls,
Something is awakened—could it be our hope?

In the time of Herod, fear has taken hold.
Still we share a longing for a glimpse of hope.
Ordinary people shout the truth we trust:
God will stop at nothing to be here with us.*



Please register your attendance here:

Connect to NCC Guest Wi-Fi with password: **BeOurGuest!**

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

WE RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Virzola Law

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dawn Ziesmer

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

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 — *What Feast of Love* (vv. 1-2)

*What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!*

*What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Ike Rahn and Chrissy Lasater

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.

Leader: The Body of Christ was given for us.

People: Amen

Leader: The Blood of Christ was poured out for us.

People: Amen

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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.

OFFERTORY

***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. Chesna Barcroft

Following the Prayer of Dedication, children are invited to their own kid-friendly worship experience, *Worship Rocks*.
Preschool—K aged children will be escorted to the Nursery. Children in 1st—3rd Grade will be escorted to F-102.
Following the worship service, your children will be waiting for you in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE — Luke 1:5-13

Theo Rahn

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
and for the Word of God within us:

People: Thanks be to God!

WORD IN SONG — *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (Gustav Holst)

Northway Chancel Choir

THE MORNING MESSAGE — What Do You Fear?

Rev. Virzola Law

WE GO FORTH

INVITATION

***INVITATION HYMN** — #125 *Come, O Long-expected Jesus* (vv. 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.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Virzola Law

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Scott Ayers

Following the worship service, an Elder will remain at the front
of the sanctuary to speak or pray with congregants.



The flowers on the chancel are in celebration of Sue Ann & John Ruth's 16th Anniversary.



A LOOK AHEAD...		
11/30 Advent Intergen. Sunday School	9:30 am	F-101
11/30 Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & online
11/30 After Church Choir Rehearsal	11:45 am	Music Suite
12/01 Tai Chi	10:30 am	F-101
12/02 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	North Parking Lot
12/03 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Music Suite
12/06 Seeds of Faith Garden Workday	9 am—12 pm	Greater Garth Chapel
12/06 Law-Allen Wedding & Reception	4:00 pm	Sanctuary/F-101
12/07 Children's Music	9:30 am	E-112
12/07 Advent Intergen. Sunday School	9:30 am	F-101
12/07 Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
12/07 After Church Choir Rehearsal	11:45 am	Music Suite
12/07 Mike's Kids last day for drop off		Narthex
12/12 Arts District Chorale Concert	8:00 pm	Sanctuary
12/13 Solomon's Porch (Men's Group)	7:30 am	Music Suite
12/13 Breakfast with Santa	9:00 am	F-101
12/13 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:30 am	Music Suite
12/13 Elder's Meeting	9:00 am	F-103
12/14 Lessons & Carols Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & online
12/14 All-Church Congregational Mtg.	11:45 am	Sanctuary & online

NORTHWAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Virzola Law—Senior Minister
 Rev. Chesna Barcroft—Minister to Children, Youth, and Families
 Leanne Seabright—Director of Music and Worship
 Scott Ayers—Organist and Collaborative Pianist
 Dawn Ziesmer—Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Noelle Rivera—Youth Ministry Coordinator
 Neil Moseley—Director of Community Engagement
 Donna Schmidt—Children's Music Director

GIVING OPTIONS:

Online giving is available at northwaychristian.org or by texting NORTHWAY to 73256.
 Gifts may also be mailed to the church office at 7202 W. Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX 75225

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 want to help you take the next step in your own search for: a church home...deeper engagement with scripture... meaningful relationships...purpose in your life. To learn more about our beliefs, history, staff, and opportunities, please visit the Welcome Center, located at the main entrance.



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