

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

November 30, 2025

9:45 AM

WEEK ONE
Act with HOPE



MATTHEW 24:36-44

What does it mean to act with HOPE?

MEDITATION: *Every act of hope brings God's dream of a just world, closer. ~ (adapted) Salt Project, The Art of Advent: HOPE*

PRELUDE

Rorate caeli

Jeanne Demessieux

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marc Holloway

In the shadows of the world's uncertainty, in hope we gather,

Trusting that God's light will break through.

We wait, not with fear, but with hope—

For the One who comes is faithful and true.

The night is nearly over; the dawn is drawing near.

We lift our eyes to the horizon, watching for the light of a star!

Come, people of God, let us worship the One who is our hope.

We worship with hearts expectant, for Emmanuel is near!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #140 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

God in your Mercy

Welch



*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Of Eternal Love Begotten

Christ, to thee with God Creator, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:
Honor glory and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!
Amen.

Please be seated as the children are invited forward.

ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE : Sam & Leslie Griesmer

Isaiah 60:2 - "For shadows shall cover the Earth and thick shadows shall fall over the people, but the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you."

We light this candle to portray the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is HOPE. Because of Christ we not only have hope, but we believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in this world. With hope in our hearts we light the Advent Candle of HOPE.

O God, as we light this purple candle of hope, we remember that Your light pierces the shadows and brings healing and hope to all in need. Fill our hearts with anticipation for Your coming. May we carry this hope out into the world and into every corner of our lives. Amen.

HYMN #128 One Candle is Lit, vs. 1

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.

The children are now invited to attend church school

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you. *(Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Lord, stay close to Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Dick Lane, Michael Martens, Jack Stone, Rick Hayes, and the family of Nancy and David LaBier, the family of Judy and Don Massey as well as the family of Rocco DiLorenzo. Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us saying, **“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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Jeff Reeves

Cherub Choir: Lily Hoyt, Liana Montanez, Katie McCabe, Sylvia McNamee, Grace Stiffler

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING Doug Crandall



For your convenience, we have
included a QR code for donations.
Thank you for your generosity.

*DOXOLOGY *#136 Christians All, Your Lord is Coming vs. 2*

Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed. See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed. Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need!

*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

O God, We thank you for the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love as found in the season of Advent. Help us to be people that bring hope into the world, as Jesus did. Bless our offerings, may they be used to lift up a weary world. In the name of the Christ Child we pray. Amen.

PSALM (Chanting) Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself.
To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
For my kindred and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SCRIPTURE Matthew 24:36-44 NRSVU

Doug Crandall

The Necessity for Watchfulness

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But

understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This ends the reading of God's Holy Word.

For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us; for the Word of God within us, **thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *Lord of the Stars* Ruth Elaine Schram

Cherub Choir: Lily Hoyt, Liana Montanez, Katie McCabe, Sylvia McNamee, Grace Stiffler

HYMN *#160 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

SERMON *Are you ready?* Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

*RECESSIONAL HYMN *#142 People, Look East*

*LAST GOSPEL (PART ONE) & BENEDICTION

John 1: 1-5 Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the shadows, and the shadow has not overcome it.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* Distler

ACOLYTES

Lily Hoyt

Liturgists:

Sam & Leslie Griesmer, Doug Crandall, March Holloway

Cherub Choir:

Lily Hoyt, Liana Montanez, Katie, McCabe, Sylvia McNamee, Grace Stiffler

USHERS

Doug & Jane Crandall

COFFEE HOUR

Deacons

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of our beloved father & Papa, Bill Holloway lovingly from the
Holloway Family

TOWER LIGHTING

In honor of our hard working Cherub Choir's beautiful voices!



December at Allin

11/29 @ 10am Hanging of the greens

11/30 Advent One: Hope

@11:30am Advent workshop and wreath making

12/1 Mon. Greens Team meets (all day!)

12/1 @ 7:15 pm Advent Group: Night Visions

12/6 @ 9am - 2pm Snowflake Fair

12/7 Advent Two: Peace

12/8 @ 7:15pm Advent Group: Night Visions

12/12 @ 6pm Messy Friday Christmas Party

12/14 Advent Three: Joy

Christmas Caroling **12pm-3pm**

12/15 @ 7:15pm Advent Group: Night Visions

12/21 Advent Four: Love

Lessons and Carols Concert 3pm

12/24 @ 4pm Christmas Pageant and Candlelight Service (cookies and cocoa at 3pm)

Beautiful job Lily, Liana, Katie, Sylvia & Grace!

Thank you to Andrew & our adult volunteers!



I spy with my little eye....

***an adorable owl craft for the Snowflake Fair! Are you crafty?
Please consider making a few holiday crafts for the Snowflake
Fair over the Thanksgiving weekend!***



FOR THE SNOWFLAKE FAIR! HAND CRAFTED ITEMS NEEDED!

handmade items needed for the craft
table such as knitted creations!
For example: hats, scarves, blankets,
children's items such as small, soft
stuffed animals & your creative
creations!



BLING NEEDED FOR SNOWFLAKE FAIR!

Donations welcome of vintage or modern costume jewelry, purses, bags, scarves, etc! Snowflake Fair shoppers love sparkle!

Please leave items in the small box on the bench by the office. Please put small jewelry items in a bag so they don't get lost.



WE WILL HAVE A KID'S TABLE AT THE SNOWFLAKE FAIR AND ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS. ITEMS THAT SELL BEST ARE ITEMS IN "GIFTABLE" CONDITION. PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR SPECIFICS AND REACH OUT TO LINDSEY GALLAGHER WITH ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU!

ITEMS WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS
- GENTLY USED GAMES AND PUZZLES, WITH ALL PIECES/PARTS ACCOUNTED FOR
- GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S TOYS

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

- CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (IT DID NOT SELL WELL LAST YEAR!)
- EQUIPMENT/ FURNITURE INCLUDING: CAR SEATS, STROLLERS, HIGH CHAIRS, BABY JUMPERS, CRIBS, BASSINETS, BABY TUBS, ETC.

KIDS TABLE AT SNOWFLAKE FAIR



**ALLIN CHURCH
SNOWFLAKE FAIR**

Saturday, December 6

9am-2pm



allinchurch.org

683 High Street, Dedham

GREENS *Needed!!!*



We need greens to make our Snowflake Fair arrangements! We need Yellow Evergreens, Yellow false cypress, Andromeda, Winterberries, Holly Berries, White Pine, Evergreens in general, Green + White plant with variegated leaves, Blue Juniper, Small Rhododendron leaves, Boxwood, Arborvitae, & Gigantic Monstera Split-Leaf Magnolia Leaves



Please reach out directly to Sandra Einsel at 781-775-0793 (cell/text)

Do you have any arborvitae or white pine? The greens team really needs these 2 types of greens!

SNOWFLAKE FAIR BAKE SALE- IT ONLY HAPPENS IF WE BAKE!

The prettier the bakery items look, the better they sell! Please wrap & price! Everything must be wrapped.

Items needed for sale:

- Cakes/Cookies/ Homemade Goodies
- Jams/Jellies
- Specialty Items

Please sign up to bake on the sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room.





Be sure to visit our website to see all that is happening at the Allin Congregational Church!

allinchurch.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

LOOKING AHEAD!

Minister's Office Hours

Rev. Anne Marie would love to visit with you at the church during the week or meet you for coffee! She holds office hours on most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays between 9:30 and 12:30pm! Drop in or schedule a time to

meet! She is available to meet off site Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Just send her an email at pastorannem@allinchurch.org

Rev. Anne Marie tries to hold Fridays and Saturdays as her Sabbath, as they are often filled with sermon editing/writing and family appointment days.

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