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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT · HOPE November 29, 2026 · 10:30 a.m.

Order of Service

Opening / Praise & Worship	*Eleanor Toussaint*
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"* *"O How I Love the Name of Jesus"* *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* *"O Come O Come Emmanuel"*	
GCI Video	*"Advent 1: Hope"*
Sunday School Welcome	*Eleanor Toussaint*
Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 / Prayers of the People	*Pastor Jonathan Browne*
Reading of Mark 13:24–37	
Sermon: "Waiting in Hope; Living in Expectation"	*Ruth Phillips*
Communion	*Ruth Phillips*
Song	*"The Communion Song"*
Offertory / Announcements	*Senior Pastor John Newsom*
Song	*"The Solid Rock"*
Benediction	*Eleanor Toussaint*

BENEDICTION

May the Lord strengthen you as you wait, fill you with hope, and keep your hearts focused on Jesus. May you live faithfully, love generously, and remain watchful for His coming.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Waiting in Hope; Living in Expectation"

Ruth Phillips · Mark 13:24–37

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come."

Mark 13:33 (NIV)

Full reading of Mark 13:24–37 on the back.

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"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give… for God loves a cheerful giver." **2 Corinthians 9:7**

Welcome! / ¡Bienvenidos! We're glad you've joined us for worship today.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:24–37

The Coming of the Son of Man · NIV

SIGNS OF THE END TIMES

24 “But in those days, following that distress, “‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give
its light; 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ 26 “At that time
people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his
angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.
28 “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you
know that summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near,
right at the door. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things
have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

THE DAY AND HOUR UNKNOWN

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It’s like a man going
away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the
one at the door to keep watch. 35 “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of
the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at
dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to
everyone: ‘Watch!’”

SERMON NOTES · “WAITING IN HOPE; LIVING IN EXPECTATION”