

PRAYERS for November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent

Worship Assistant: As we await the coming of our Savior in mercy and majesty, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Lord God, You have brought Your light into the world. We deeply thank You for giving us the opportunity to walk in Your light as we bring our lives and our love to You this day. Keep us in the light of Your love until we have accomplished what You have sent us to do on this earth. Thank You for comforting us with the promise of a Redeemer. Help us to make Advent a blessing as we wait for the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and our King, we open wide our hearts to You as we celebrate Your glorious Advent on this first Sunday of the church year. Make us humble enough to know that we must put our trust in You. Make us faithful enough to be ready for Your return. Make us thankful enough to focus on the love You poured out for us from the cross. Help us to look to You, to give You thanks, and to put our hope in You at all times. Make us true children of the day and save us from the evil of the night.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Eternal God, Your Word is indeed eternal and shall not pass away. We look around us at the uncertainties of our lives, and we thank You for Your Word. We thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who will guide us, guard us, and protect us until the end of our earthly journey when we will see Him face to face. When this world tries to remove You from our lives, help us to stand strong, stay awake, and be ready for the coming of Your Son. Help us live with Your name in our hearts.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Glorious Father in heaven, we remember before You all for whom this season of light is shadowed by conflict, hardship, anxiety, or sorrow. Help us to bring them Your mercy, comfort, and kindness; to speak words of forgiveness and encouragement; and to accompany them in their wilderness. In times of struggle, make us strong again as You promised. In times of happiness, remind us to thank You and share that joy with others. We especially ask You to surround our family members who are away from home, those in the military, those who have health concerns, and those who are estranged from family. We ask You, Father, to always watch over our children and our youth in these times when strong temptations are their daily experiences. We especially ask You to be with all our friends and family members who are on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Father in heaven, in the midst of the stress of this Christmas season, we know that at any moment we can turn to You in prayer and be immediately at peace; a peace that You have put within us. Help us to pray with a growing faith. Help us to make our Christmas celebrations this year honor Your Son, the Messiah, who came to redeem Your creation.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**