First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

Pre-Service Music: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* - arr. Brian Buda

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Kneeling at the Altar* - Sabrina Brem

Lighting the Advent Wreath:

Advent Song#103: *Come Now, O Prince of Peac*e vs. 1 (twice)

Litany for the 1st Sunday in Advent

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake in the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Candle Lighting Carol #85:

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah vs. 1

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day:

The sun is darkened; the moon does not give light.

Come, Lord Jesus.

You are the potter; we are yours.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Strengthen us so that we are ready.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer of the Day

Great God, no one knows the hour of your return, yet we await your arrival, trusting that it will come. There is a sense of urgency in our waiting. We await the birth of Jesus, but we watch for so much more, anticipating all that your incarnation means in a hurting world. Teach us to keep alert, that we may not become complacent or convinced that we have time. Show us how to hurry up and wait, to enact our expectation by sharing love, offering forgiveness, and living according to the movement of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn #349: *Sleepers Wake!* Wachet Auf vs. 1 & 2 (stand)

Call to Confession

We have all sinned, not one of us is clean; but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Restore us, O God of hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved. Save us, O Lord, from traps of our own creating:
from fear that blocks the way of love, from worry that blocks the way of joy, from isolation that blocks the way of relationship, from structural injustices that keep the world bound. Forgive us, O God of hosts, until the stars fall from heaven and we live as people transformed. Amen.

Silent Confession- *Time for Personal reflection and silent confession.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #113: *Refrain: Angels We Have Heard on High*

Anthem: *Lost in the Night* Kyle Haugen

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Petitions from the People:

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Coming Savior, **hear our 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

Hymn #442: *Just As I Am* vs. 1 and 4 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 64:1 – 9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24 - 37.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God. Deuteronomy 6:6

Sermon: *Goodbye Thanksgiving, Hello Advent* Susan Murray

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.** Revelation 21:6

Affirmation of Faith: From The Confession of 1967, 9.29

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

Invitation to Offering:

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offering #712: *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* vs 1 & 3

Prayer of Dedication:

God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen. Luke 1:35–38; 1 Corinthians 1:4

Sending Hymn #350: *Keep Your Lamps* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

May the God of peace make you holy
and the power of the Spirit sustain you
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Prepare the way of the Lord!
Isaiah 40:3; Mark 1:3
Alleluia!

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord!**

Postlude: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* - Mark Hayes

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