

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service on the First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Prelude: O Come O Come Emmanuel

Performed by Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson

Call to Worship

O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.

Be alert! Keep awake!

The time is drawing near:

The good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God,

**strengthens us to the end, so that we may be blameless
when Christ comes again.**

Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship
of the Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord!

Advent Candle: Hope

Reflection by Bob May

Prayer of the Day

God of power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all nations tremble at your presence! But you, you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant. Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness. So we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are your people and there is no other God besides you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: Already But Not Yet

Jonathan Kimball

Prayers of the People and 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.

Charge and Benediction

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