



# 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT HANGING OF THE GREENS | DECEMBER 1

**First Church**  
First United Methodist Church of Seattle

First United Methodist Church of Seattle is a progressive faith community offering a place to grow spiritually and a refuge of inclusive Christianity. We use our voices and energy to advocate for persons on society's margins and for all God's creation.



The Trees		Lorry Celin
The Star		Tom Bruhns
Invitation to the Congregation		Peter Jabin
Decorating the Tree		
Hymn during Decorating	UMH #211 <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	
The Advent Wreath		Kari Rosen
The Candles		
Prayers of the People		Peter Jabin
Prayer Response	UMH #204 <i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.	God with us, revealed in us, his name is called, Emmanuel.	
The Bells		Joyce Frost
The Crèche		Roman Benasko
	- PROCLAIMING -	
Advent I Proclamation	Luke 21:25-36	Isaac Pruden
This is the word of Life. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	"Strong in Hope, Active in Service"	Rev. Wongee Joh
Advent Banner Dedication		Isaac Pruden
	- RESPONDING -	
Invitation to the Offering		Peter Jabin
Special Music	<i>Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning</i> Sanctuary Choir, Elisabeth Ellis, Director	
Doxology	UMH #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	
* Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Wongee Joh
* Communion Hymn	WS #3047 God Almighty, We Are Waiting; verse 1 & 2	
God Almighty, we are waiting for a Savior to appear. Meet us in our desert journey; give a sign that you are near: burning bushes, parted waters, food a plenty in the wild.	As we look for signs and wonders, help us see you in a child.  God Incarnate, we are waiting for the feast day of your birth.	

Looking back and looking forward  
to the Christ's return to earth.  
Help us to proclaim the gospel,

'til the world is reconciled.  
Let us set your holy table  
for each woman, man, and child.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Wongee Joh and Rev. Jackie Celin

### The Prayer of Jesus

Our God, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who

trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

- SENDING -

### Call to Discipleship

Rev. Jackie Celin

### \*Closing Hymn

UMH #89 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

### Benediction

Rev. Wongee Joh

### Postlude

Improvisation on "Now Thank We All Our God"

Elisabeth Ellis, organist

*\*Please stand as you are able, body and spirit*

*\*\*You are invited to use the translation of the Lord's Prayer with which you are most comfortable. Our Thanks to Those Helping in Worship: Lay Worship Leader, Peter Jabin; Reader, April Little; Reader, Isaac Pruden; Communion Steward, Peter Jabin; Assisting with Communion, Rev. Jackie Celin, Cary Lee; Advent Leaders, Roman Benasko, Joyce Frost, Barbara Moreland, Lorry Celin, Tom Bruhns, Kari Rosen; Greeter, Beth Snyder; Audio-Visual Operator, Laura Celin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**True Thanksgiving: Stewardship 2025:** During our Stewardship giving campaign this year, we invite all to prayerfully remember God's generosity and how we participate as co-creators with our community, as an urban church, and as caretakers of the cosmos. Let us be faithful to God, one another, and to the world we are called to serve, "so that together we sing a song of thanksgiving AS IF God's kin-dom is already here and still yet coming".



**Need a Nametag?:** Please scan the qr code and submit a request to receive a nametag! Once you fill out the request, you'll find your nametag on the welcome table in the Narthex.



**Thank you for your offerings and Communication Cards!** You can drop them in the offering plate or make a gift online by using the QR code with your smartphone, or at [FirstChurchSeattle.org/give](http://FirstChurchSeattle.org/give)



### ABOUT US

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We're called "First Church" because we are Seattle's first congregation, established in 1853. We cherish our place in Seattle's past, present, and future. First Church is a proud member of the **Reconciling Ministries Network**, a community "committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the United Methodist connection, working for the full participation of all LGBTQ+ people throughout the life and leadership of the Church."

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