

Edinburgh: The New Town Church
First Sunday of Advent
1 December 2024

'Hold Onto Hope'

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: All creation holds its breath:

All: **The time is almost here.**

Leader: The heavens are moving, the universe is waiting, in hope:

All: **Hope for the promise;**

Hope for the present;

Hope for the future.

Leader: Into this time and this space, we bring ourselves;

All our doubts and our joys,

All that we are and all that we will be.

In this Advent of hope, let us worship almighty God.

Hymn CH4 472 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and the Lord's Prayer

Advent Candle

(Before lighting the first Advent Candle, the Hope Candle, we say the Collect together)

God of hope, as we begin this Advent season, kindle in us a longing for your coming kingdom, and a readiness to embrace your justice and peace. In the face of uncertainty keep us steadfast in faith and eager in expectation, so that we may joyfully welcome our Saviour, the hope of the world. Through him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Hymn CH4 284 Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets

(Verses 1 & 5)

We hear The Word of God

First Lesson **Jeremiah Chapter 33 verses 14-16**

Hymn CH4 21 Psalm 25 (Lord, teach me all your ways)

Gospel Lesson **St Luke Chapter 21 verses 25-36**

Anthem O Radiant Dawn (part) by James MacMillan

Sermon *Hold Onto Hope*

Hymn CH4 192 All my hope on God is founded

Prayers of the People

Hymn CH4 273 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Benediction and Sung Amen

Worship Leader: Rev Conor Fegan

Scripture Reader: Jennifer Speirs

Organist/pianist: Jamie Turnbull

Sources:

Scripture reading(s) taken from the New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised) unless otherwise stated.

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