

CALL TO WORSHIP: - based on Psalm 25

Leader No one who follows you is disgraced, only those who turn back.

**All: Show us, Lord Jesus, the disciple's path;  
teach us the right directions.**

You alone are unconditionally good and reliable  
and show the lost the way back home.

**You teach the humble your path.**

Untiring kindness and fidelity are your ways  
for those who want to maintain their faith.

HYMN 272 Come thou long expected Jesus

ADVENT WREATH

Leader: The first Sunday in Advent is the time when we prepare  
once again for the coming of Jesus.

**All: We light a candle to remind us that Jesus brings light into the dark  
places of the world.**

Through the prophets, God promised a future shaped by justice and  
righteousness. Jeremiah gave the people of Israel hope that such a future  
would be revealed through the 'righteous branch' which would spring  
from the house of David.

**We share this hope as we wait for the fulfilment of God's  
promise in the birth of Jesus, light of the world.**

\* A purple candle is lit

ADVENT HYMN: 286 Light one candle for hope vs 1

PRAYERS

...The good news is this: in Jesus Christ we are made new, made whole.

**Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR TiS 268 Joy to the world

STORY

SONG Child of Christmas story" [Tune: Camberwell 231 ]

1. Child of Christmas story, stable straw and star,  
small and sweet and gentle: tell us who you are.

Child whose baby finger round our own is curled,  
come to melt our hearts, and come to change the world.

2. Child of Christmas story, stable straw and star,  
small and oh so helpless: tell us who you are.  
Child of Jew and Gentile, child of white and black  
teach us how to love you, teach us what to hope.  
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READINGS Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16, Luke 21: 25 - 33

In this is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

REFLECTION: "Hope,... still!"

SHARING & NOTICES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING - as the offering is brought forward we sing: (as our dedication)

HYMN: [tune: 284]

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread

May we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led

Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe,

Unite us in your service, may seeds of justice grow. © Ruth C Duck

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

THE INVITATION

THE PEACE Take this life with you where ever you go  
and the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you**

- we share a greeting of peace

HYMN 259 Among us and before us

Here on the table, Lord are the bread and wine, signs of your life,  
offered for us. Lord Jesus Christ, for all that you have done,  
what have we to offer, our hands are empty;

**But with you is mercy and the power to change us.**

For when we were nothing

**you made us something.**

When we had no name and no faith,

**you called us your children.**

When we lost our way or turned away,

**you did not abandon us.**

When we came back to you,

**your arms opened wide in welcome.**

So as we do together what you did in an upstairs room,

send down your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine

**that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving, making us**

**whole; and that we, as your people may become your body;**

loving, caring in the world until your kingdom fully comes.

And so, with all the faithful of every time and place,

we join with choirs of angels in singing the eternal hymn: (HYMN : 761 )

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the**

**highest.**

.... LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION - we will be served in our seats

PRAYER

HYMN            276    There's a light upon the mountain

BLESSING

... Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All:    **in the name of Christ. Amen**

SUNG BLESSING    779    May the feet of God

## WARRAGUL UNITING CHURCH



"look at the fig tree, .. the  
time is coming.."

**Advent 1**  
Holy Communion

10 am Worship

December 1, 2021.

