



**Nantucket**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday November 28, 2021**  
**10:00am**  
**Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard**  
**Pastor**  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021

**Prelude**

**Mollie Glazer**

**Welcome & Announcements Dr. Richard**

**Advent Candle lighting Amy and Elizabeth Eldridge**

Reader: We light this first Advent candle, the candle of HOPE as a sign of our enduring hope for and commitment to, God's kingdom. (Light candle)

Let us pray...We hope that you can meet us, O Lord, even in the messiness of our world. We hope that you still see us, though we often seem to get lost in the rubble. Let the light from this candle be one of the guides that brings us closer to you once more.

**Congregation: We wait on you, precious Lord! Let your light shine anew in our world! Amen.**

**\*Call to Worship – please stand Sylvester Baptiste**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**Congregation: And also with you**

Leader: Be watchful and alert, for no one knows when the Son's Spirit will touch us in such a way that we are awakened to power of the coming kingdom

**Congregation: We come to be inspired, to continue the kingdom work which God has given us to do.**

**\*Opening Hymn – please stand**

Come Christians Join and Sing No.158

**\*Invocation (in unison) – please stand**

**God of grace, shepherd of Peace, Spirit of Truth, we join with all of the Christians in the world, to give thanks for bringing us together this Advent Sunday. You have sustained us for this season of hope. Help us to celebrate the true and eternal gift of this season above every gift we shall ever receive, the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **This Morning's Scriptures—please be seated**

The Old Testament reading is from the prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 33 verses 14-16

“The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.’ ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD, Our Righteous Savior.’

### **Will you please rise for the Gospel?**

**\*The Gospel** Luke 1:24-25, 39-56

After this, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. “The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.” At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.” Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**\*A Hymn – please stand**

Come Thou Long-expected Jesus No.196

**The Homily—please be seated**

**"Elizabeth and Mary Are Expecting" Dr. Richard**

**The Morning Prayers – please be seated**

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Call To Offering – please be seated**

**\*Doxology – please stand**

***Praise God from whom all blessing flow***

***Praise him, all creatures here below***

***Praise Him above ye heavenly host***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen***

**\*Dedication of Our Gifts and Offering – please stand**

**\*A Closing Hymn—please stand**

**"Be Not Afraid"**

You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of  
thirst

You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the  
way

You shall speak your words in foreign lands, And all will un-  
derstand

You shall see the face of God and live

**[Chorus]**

**Be not afraid, I go before you always**

**Come follow me, And I will give you rest**

Blessed are your poor, For the kingdom shall be theirs

Blessed are you that weep and mourn, For one day you  
shall laugh

And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me  
Blessed, blessed are you

**[Chorus]**

**\*The Blessing – please stand Sylvester Baptiste**

**\*Choral Benediction – please stand**

*God be with you til we meet again  
By his counsels guide uphold you  
With his sheep securely fold you  
God be with you, til we meet again*

**\*Amen – please stand**

**L: and the people all said....**

**C:Amen!**

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**Welcome**

Advent begins today. It is a beautiful season of the Christian year and we are delighted that you have chosen to be with us. Please give us an opportunity to meet and greet you following worship for a brief time of refreshment and fellowship.

**Participants in Worship**

Our reader this morning is Sylvester Baptist, a lay leader in our church. Our first Advent Candle, the candle of hope, is being lit by Amy Eldridge and her daughter Elizabeth. Amy serves on our Board of Trustees. Elizabeth serves on our Outreach Committee and is a frequent worship reader.

**Prayer Requests**

Please use the prayer request cards that are in your bulletin. Write down the name(s) of those you would like included in our morning prayers, and place the request on the pulpit.

### **Wednesdays During Advent**

During this Advent season we will be meet via zoom at 7pm on Wednesdays to share a brief time of prayer, and to celebrate our stories of Advent. We hope you will join us. The connecting instructions are on the back of this bulletin.

### **Are You A Visitor?**

Please make yourself known to us. There are yellow visitor information cards in your pew. Feel free to fill it in and drop it in the offering plate.

### **For Your Safety...**

In accordance with the latest Town order, wearing of masks inside is required regardless of vaccination status.. We are using our hymnals. We have hand sanitizer available, if you wish to use it. If you did not do so when you entered, please sign the worshipper's list on the table in the foyer. It is a commitment your trustees have made to be sure we are keeping you safe. Please be sure to sign in the event we need to conduct contact tracing.

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### **Refreshments**

After the service we welcome you to join us for refreshments and fellowship.

## **From My Heart To Yours...**

Dear Friends,

The days of Advent are days of anticipation. Growing up there was really very little scurrying about to complete Thanksgiving and Christmas preparations. Getting ready for Christmas was all about Advent candles and advent stories that, through scripture, fed our imaginations and anticipation.

In the Richard household these days, we do Advent a bit differently. This past Friday we took the first step of Advent preparation. We got out all of the stored Christmas decorations for the house. In one of the boxes we found the Advent calendar, made of felt, with pockets for every day of December. For years this calendar has been part of our Advent. We count the days till Christmas by removing objects from the pockets on the calendar.

With a one year old in our family this year, the calendar has special meaning. Lillian will be part of the daily visit to the calendar hanging in the kitchen hallway. Together we'll remove a reminder of the anticipated DAY. It's a wonderful way to look forward to the second most important day of the Christian year.

Whatever traditions you have for this season, I hope you can celebrate the story of Jesus' birth with renewed meaning, with us. The scriptures, the songs, the candles, the messages will once again, point to one reality – Jesus was and is among us!

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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