

Welcome to. . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Opening Responses

L> In hope the universe waits:

ALL> God's purpose shall be revealed.

L> Limited by mortality, yet destined for liberation
in hope the universe waits:

ALL> God's purpose shall be revealed.

L> Groaning as if in childbirth, sampling the fruits of God's
harvest, in hope the universe waits:

ALL> God's purpose shall be revealed.

L> Trusting in what is unseen, believing the best is to come,
in hope the universe waits:

ALL> God's purpose shall be revealed.

L> In the shadows of a barn where the Maker of All will be
born, in hope the universe waits:

ALL> God's purpose shall be revealed.

Hymn: People in darkness No. 124

Prayer:

L> Jesus, born a refugee, **ALL> come among us.**

L> Jesus, friend of the poor, **ALL> come among us.**

L> Jesus, lover of the outcast, **ALL> come among us.**

L> Christ, food for the hungry, **ALL> come among us.**

L> Christ, health of the sick, **ALL> come among us.**

L> Christ, saviour of the world, **ALL> come among us.**

L> Jesus, bringer of good news, **ALL> come among us.**

L> Jesus, hope of us all, **ALL> come among us.**

ALL> Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Mary,
born into a human family,
let us know you in our homes.
Bless our families and our friends,
our neighbours and all your people.
Grant that we may rejoice that you are made flesh
and dwell among us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> O God of the weak, O God of the lowly,
O God of the righteous, O shield of your people,

ALL> speak now through your Word.

The Word of God: *Isaiah 64:1-9* p. 694 NRSV
Mark 13:24-37 p. 50 NRSV

L> For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing

Prayers for Others

Response: L> Lord, in your mercy.

ALL> Hear our prayer.

Communion

Prayer

Hymn: The love of God comes close No. 474 verses 1,4,5

Blessing:

L> The Wonderful Counsellor guide you,
The Mighty God protect you,
The Everlasting Father be with you,
The Prince of Peace inspire you,
And the blessing of God be upon you, now and evermore.

ALL> Amen.