The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2026
Everyone reads the words in bold.

Call to Worship

Restore us, O God, and cause Your face to shine upon us,
that we may be saved.

The nights are long, and the world is waiting.
We are waiting too, watching at the door.

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but the words of Christ will never pass away.

Let us worship the God who is coming.
Come, Lord Jesus. We are watching for You.

Opening Prayer

Faithful God, You are the potter and we are the clay. We come in from the cold with full calendars and half-awake hearts, and still we hope. Rend the heavens and come down. Shape us again with Your hands. Wake what has fallen asleep in us, and teach us to keep watch for Your Son, who comes when we do not expect Him. Shine Your face on this church, on our homes and on every place that waits in the dark, so that we may be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our coming Lord. Amen.

Closing Blessing

Go out to watch and to wait. May God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, sustain you to the end. May He keep you awake to His coming and gentle in your waiting, this week and always. Amen.

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