**Worship – Sunday, November 29, 2020**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #120 vs. 1

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” – Les Marsh

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Invitation to Worship:

A path to our God,  
**Winding through the ordinary,**Weaving through the busyness,  
**Overcoming roadblocks and detours.**A way to go home,  
**Leaving the past in the past,**Moving from darkness and exile,  
**Coming into the light.**Advent is a path to our God,

**A way to come home,**A discovery of God's voice:

***All: Rejoice, rejoice. God is with us!***

Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 – Barbara McKay

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Praise Music: “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” – Les Marsh

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: “He Is Near” – Pastor Sharon

Hymn: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” #121

Prayer Time

Hymn: “He Started the Whole World Singing” #141

Benediction

Postlude: “Ode to Joy” – Les Marsh

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

64O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— 2as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

6We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.