

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Reflection

Reader: The Season of Advent is an invitation to meditate on the promises of God. Here is what the prophet Jeremiah sees:

- . . . a righteous leader will spring up
- . . . one who will carry out justice and righteousness
- . . . one who brings salvation and safety for the people

How then do we live as those who believe that the promises of God will be fulfilled?

- . . . as those who lift up their souls to God?
- . . . as those who walk a path of love and faithfulness?
- . . . as those who work for justice and righteousness?
- . . . as those who live in the light of hope?

If we are alert to the promise of the Lord and live in the light of hope, we will be truly blessed as Christ comes again into our lives.

People: Candle Lighting Liturgy

Reader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

People: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

Reader: The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation. We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

[Light First Advent Candle]

People: We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord