**Community Congregational Church of Clinton Heights, UCC**

**November 27, 2022, 2022**

**Rev. Kathy Johnson**

**Welcome**

**No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**Call to Worship:**

One: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.

**ALL: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul with hope.**

One: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.

**ALL: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul with hope.**

One: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

**ALL: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul with hope.**

One: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**ALL: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul with hope.**

One: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**ALL: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul with hope that peace, joy and love will come. Amen**

**Opening Prayer: O Creator-God, we eagerly anticipate the coming of Jesus. We wait, we hope, and we know he will come, the incarnation of the Love of All. We begin this period of waiting, of hoping this First Sunday in Advent, and patiently prepare. Please be with us this Advent season. Amen.**

**Hymn –** O Come O Come Emmanuel, 119

**Children’s Sermon: Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

**Scripture Readings:** [**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=isaiah+9:2;+isaiah+9:6-7)

**Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: Hope**

**Hymn –** My Hope is Built, 537

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

**Lord’s Prayer** (using debts/debtors)

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Hymn –** Come, O Long Expected Jesus, 125

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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**Scripture**

[**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=isaiah+9:2;+isaiah+9:6-7)**:**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned. […] For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.