



St Ives Uniting Church

27th November 2022

Advent 1

Call to worship

Lighting the Advent Candle

Hymn: 272 Come thou long expected Jesus

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us "Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 271i Love divine

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Christmas Bowl video: Hope

Bible reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Jill McNamara

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 13:11-14

Ashley Jacobsson

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Counting down, or looking forward?

Hymn: 276 There's a light upon the mountains

Offering

Let us pray:

Gracious God,

We worship you with our words,

and with our songs,

and we praise you with these gifts.

Everything we have is yours,

and these offerings are for the work of your kingdom come,

**on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Richie Dulin

Hymn: 129 Amazing grace

Benediction

Postlude

Pianist

Lawrence Peak

