



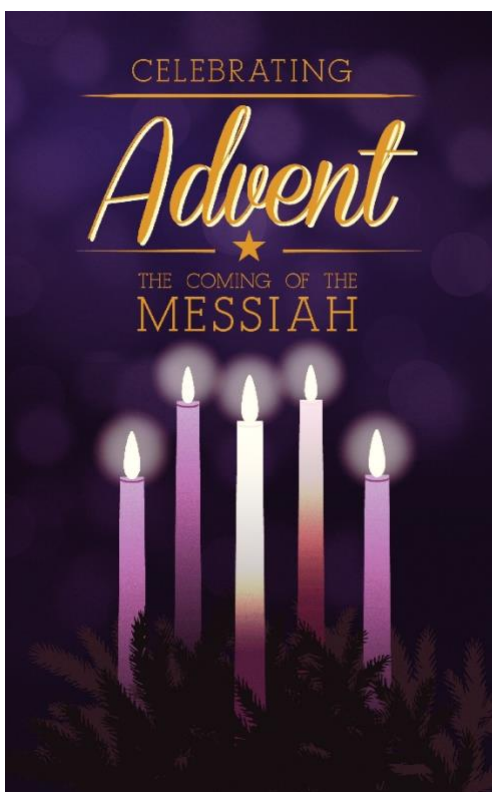
First Sunday in
Advent

YEAR A



The Church of Scotland

WELCOME



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Auditoire de Calvin, November 30 2025

Advent Sunday

We stand to sing. After the doxology, we remain standing for the prayer of dedication. After the final hymn, we remain standing for the benediction and threefold Amen.

Prelude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit *Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin (GWA 98)*

Welcome

God of the past who has fathered us and mothered us

We are here to thank you

God of the future who is always ahead of us

We are here to trust you

God of the present, here in the midst of us

We are here to praise you

God of life, beyond us, within us, always coming to us

We rejoice in your glorious love

CH4 273

O Come, O come, Emmanuel

Prayer of approach and Lord's Prayer

(The first Advent candle is lit)

CH4 284 Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets (verse 1)

All ages talk *Goldilocks*

CH4 277 *Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes ...!*

Old Testament *Exodus 3: 1-14*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned

aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” ¹³But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”^[b] He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

CH4 615 *Holy Spirit, ever living*

New Testament *Mark 1 vs 16-22*

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them, and they

left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

1 Corinthians 13 vs 4-13

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon *Not the finished article*

CH4 530 *One more step along the world I go*

Prayers for the world and its people

Offering music *Pastorale*

Gervais-François Couperin (1759–1826)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CH4 477 *Lo he comes with clouds descending*

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *Noël Suisse*

Nicolas Séjan (1745–1819)

CH4 615 *Holy Spirit, ever living*

Worship leader Rev Chris Levison

Welcoming elder Christine Buhler

Ushers Rosemary Hill, Arthur Griffith

Readers Arthur Askew, Rosaleen Walker

Prayers Jean Murray

Organ Constance Taillard

Choir Peter Tulloch

Sunday School Cornis Van der Lugt, Nicola

Hollyman

Coffee & tea Joan Reilly, Stephanie Fitzjames

Join us in the Salle after the service for refreshments followed by a delicious lunch!

The flowers today are in loving memory of Janet Askew and David Asbury

December 1 & 7, 19h30–20h30 Advent Bible study online with the International Presbytery.
Contact: Christine Colliar

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December 14, 11h Service of nine lessons and carols. Conductor, Peter Tulloch.
Organist, Rebecca Dirks MacDonald



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