



"Come, let us go up  
to the mountain  
of the LORD ...  
that he may teach us  
his ways."

Isaiah 2:3



*Duke Memorial United Methodist Church*  
*Early Worship Service*  
*December 2, 2001*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**\*Praise Music**

**\*Greeting**

You know what time it is,  
**how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.**  
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became  
believers;  
**the night is far gone, the day is near.**  
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness  
**and put on the armor of light.**

**\*Lighting of the Advent Candle #2090 (v 1)**

“Lighting the Advent Candle”

**\*Opening Hymn #2091**

“The King of Glory Comes”

**Prayer for Guidance**

O God, in times past we looked for you in heavenly eclipses. We listened for you in howling winds. We learned of you in quaking mountains. But now we know that you will be found among us. And you will be seen not in the glitter of a mall but in a shelter for the homeless. You will be heard not in the pitch of a commercial but in the whimper of a child. You will come not clothed in the comforts of the privileged but swaddled in the needs of the neglected. Open our eyes that we might witness the appearance of the angels. Open our ears that we might hear the testimony of the shepherds. Open our hearts that we might ponder the secrets of Mary. And

open our mouths that we might shout the good news of  
the coming of the Lord! Amen.

**Thanksgiving for God's Word** (to be sung)

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God. (repeat)**

**Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 24:36-44

**Meditation**

"Like a Thief in the Night"

Roger Loyd

**A Time of Prayer and Praise**

**Invitation to Communion** (see insert)

**Offering Ourselves to God**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (see insert)

\*Closing Hymn #2254

"In Remembrance of Me"

\*Benediction

