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Liturgical Date: Year B, Advent 1, 28th November 2021

****There is an Advent Welcome (in Song List 2 of DVD and in a "Seasonal" file on the website) that can be used to open the worship today.**

Presenter **Rev Cherie Strudwick**

Focus Readings All readings listed for Advent 1

Message 7 minutes 30 seconds **"Anticipation. A child for Now"**

Discussion Starters

- 1** What do you think the point of the message is?
- 2** If Christ is still with us today, what does this mean for your faith journey?
- 3** How does your church express Christ alive?
- 4** In what way can you apply today's theme in your everyday life?

Lectionary readings for the day

Jeremiah 33:14-16 After years of trouble, God will raise a righteous Branch (leader) from David's line and the people will be saved.

Psalms 25:1-10 The psalmist cries out for rescue and forgiveness for his youthful sins and testifies to God's steadfast, reliable love.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Paul gives thanks for the joy he receives from knowing the Thessalonians, and prays that they may be blessed in all ways and be blameless at the coming of the Lord. Note: the troubles that are present in the other texts can be found in verses 6-8.

Luke 21:25-36 Jesus warns his disciples of the terrifying signs that will precede the coming of the Human One. He urges his disciples to watch for signs of his coming, be alert, and not to allow self-indulgence or worldly worries to keep them off guard.

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All Age Message **Mr Ian Sharp** **"The Budding Fig Tree"**

Length 3 Minutes 45 seconds

Precis of AAM

We hear the story of a fig tree that thrived and then appeared to be dying. After being cared for with love the tree came to life again and shot out growth and bared fruit. A symbol of Hope - that we celebrate in the 1st week of Advent. We are called to share hope with others as we love and care for them.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 25:1-10 page 262

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