

Sunday worship live stream
North Kent Methodist Circuit
10th December 2023, Robert Zachar

Music before service

StF 172 Hills Of The North, Rejoice

StF 178 Long Ago Prophets Knew

StF 180 O Come O Come Emmanuel

StF 182 On Jordan's bank

StF 187 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Welcome

StF 174 Light a candle in a darkened place

Prayer *Psalm 126*

StF 183 Praise to the God who clears the way

Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

John 1:6-8, 19-28

StF 330 Joy to the world

Sermon

StF 649 God! When human bonds are broken

Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

StF 503 Love divine, all loves excelling

Blessing

Music after service

One Candle (Andy Beck and Brian Fisher.)

Notes:

Isaiah The spirit of the Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news

Luke 1: 46 Magnificat

1Thess 5 Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ. Do not put out the Spirit's fire. Test everything and hold on good. Avoid evil. May God himself sanctify you through and through.

John 1:6-8, 16-24 John the Baptist

After 400 years, Hope long awaited is coming, God is making it more clear by sending fresh clues, expressions – Mary's song, John the Baptist, This is an eve before the long time of waiting.

Long-time of waiting puts a test on the clarity of what we hope for. It gets clouded, fragmented, disconnected and almost lost in history. Do we remember our dreams, hopes and are they still alive? How can we keep our hope firm and clear mental picture in our minds. Do we have to preserve it, protect it keep it pure?