November 29, 2026 – First Sunday of Advent, 10:30 AM
***Those who are able, please stand**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME
We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the First Sunday of Advent.

This first week, we light the candle of **Hope, reminding us that even in uncertain times, God's promises remain. May we carry that Hope into the world by sharing kindness, and being the light of Christ to those who need it most.**

The sign-up sheet for Lectionary Readers for 2027 is now available in the Narthex. Extra Pledge Cards are also located on the table in the Narthex.

We offer a free lunch every Monday from 11:00 – 12:30
Bible Study on Book of Revelation – Mondays 1:00pm
Captain Outreach – December 2nd
Welcome of New Members – December 13th Service
Christmas Fest Celebration – December 13th After Church
Monthly Food Distribution from 10:00am – 1:00pm – December 21st

MUSICAL PRELUDE **"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Pianist Mavis Baldwin**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)
Hear the good news: Do not be afraid, for our Hope is in the Lord! Even when the road ahead is uncertain, God's love remains steadfast, His promises endure, and His light continues to shine. Through Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and given Hope for tomorrow. Amen.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP
Leader: The season of Advent is here! Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.
People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's promise of Hope.

Leader: When the world feels dark, God's light still shines.
People: When we grow weary, God's promises give us strength.

Leader: Let us watch, wait, and worship with joyful expectation!

All: We light the candle of Hope and welcome Christ into our hearts. Let us worship the Lord!

GATHERING SONG **"The First Noel"** **UMH 245**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)
Gracious and loving God, as we enter this season of Advent, we come before You with hearts longing for Hope. In a world that often feels troubled and uncertain, remind us that Your light still shines and Your promises never fail. Lord, as we light the first candle of Advent, may its flame remind us that Hope is never lost when we place our trust in You. Keep our eyes open, our hearts ready, and our hands willing to serve others. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE
The flame on our Advent wreath candle today is lit by the Bethany Geisinger and Carmen Gisondi Family

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

PRAYER RESPONSE **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** **UMH 211**

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **"The Snow Lay On The Ground" Chancel Choir**

DOXOLOGY **"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"** **UMH 95**

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING
Gracious God, we thank You for the gift of Hope and the promise of Christ. Bless these gifts we bring today, that they may spread Your love, bring comfort to those in need, and shine Your light into the world. May our giving and our living prepare the way for Christ. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT **"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"** **UMH 218**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **(please stand)**
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

GLORIA PATRI *(We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)* **UMH 70**

PSALTER READING **Psalm 80** **UMH 801**

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 64:1-9| Mark 13:24-37**

SHARING THE STORY **"The Season of Waiting"** **Pastor Thad**

SENDING SONG **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** **UMH 230**

THE SENDING FORTH
May we leave with hope in our hearts, the light of Christ in our lives, and the love of God guiding our steps. When the world grows dark, may we shine brightly, share kindness, and keep our faith alive. Let us go forth, carrying the Hope of Christ wherever we go. Amen.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE **"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Pianist Mavis Baldwin**

LECTIONARY READER **Penna Smith, Certified Lay Servant**

Prayer List: Terri Lake & family, Pastor Joyce's brother Bob, Tom Kevlin, Maggie Talbott, Dominic Dorman, Nancy Marsh, Pastor Brad Chesebro, Bob Mabie, John Goodell, Greg Gottung, James Medbury, James' Mother, Bob Baldwin, Warren Baldwin, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Bev Bartlett, Mike and Kacey Frederick, Sandy Marsh, Calae Bonfey, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords and Don Williams

***** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902 or**
Email - prayers.nmsumc@gmail.com

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship We Scatter to Serve

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

