

Traditional Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

11:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Pastorale from Messiah

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code at the bottom right of this bulletin.

INTROIT

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

No. 196

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud.)

Leader: In our ordinary routines, God breaks in with Holy disruption.

People: Like Mary, we are open to the unexpected.

Leader: And God's hope for the world is different from what exists.

People: Like Mary, we long for things to be made right.

Leader: So if the Holy Spirit is stirring among us, what might God do in this Advent season?

People: What might God do in us?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

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. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Let no one be a stranger in the house of God.

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you.

*HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (verse 1)

No. 206

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:3-5

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four and younger.

ANTHEM

Raney

Gospel Roundup

*(Blessed Assurance, Since Jesus Came into My Heart,
In My Heart There Rings a Melody, and Just a Closer Walk with Thee)*

Chancel Ringers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERTORY

Handel

And the Glory of the Lord from *Messiah* (Isaiah 40:5)

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

No. 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-33

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

Rev. Emily Knight

“Hope in the Disruption”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

No. 157

Jesus Shall Reign

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Coleman

Finale on “Hyfrydol”

*** Congregation, please stand.**

Worship Attendance - November 23, 2025

Contemporary Worship - In-person	85
Contemporary Worship - Online	9
Traditional Worship - In-person	138
Traditional Worship - Online	10
Total Worship	242

Serving in Worship Today

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

Greeter: Laura & Michael Whiteman

Tech Team: Melissa Matthews, Britt Scott

11 a.m. Traditional Service

Greeters: Karen & Chris Western

Tech Team: Britt Scott, Quinton Scott

Ushers: Susan Siegel, Miranda Snipes, Chris & Karen Western

Liturgist: Teresa Meyer

Crucifer: Wyatt Snipes

Acolyte: EJ and Ellie Waters

What's Happening This Week?

CALENDAR TODAY:

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Pancake Breakfast: 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Kids choir practice: 10:30 a.m. (kids choir room)

Chancel Ringers: 5:00 p.m. (201)

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Girl Scouts: Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Ministry: Wed. at 5:00 p.m. (McCord Building)

Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (Room 501)

First Friday Friends: Friday at 11:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Family Roots Market: Friday at 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)

Women's Luncheon: Saturday at 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

This week, we served a special turkey dinner for our free Wednesday community meal. We also gave warm clothing items to meet the needs of our neighbors. Thank you to everyone who supports this vital neighborhood ministry!

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Digital Connect Card:

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CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

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9:00 a.m.

Gather with Song

We Are Waiting - All Sons & Daughters

Welcome! Greet one another in Christ!

Hope Of The Ages - Sovereign Grace

Scripture

Isaiah 40:3-5

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - Getty

Children's Message & Lighting the Advent Candle

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Announcements

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Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offer Gifts to God

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death - Getty

Proclaim God's Word

Luke 1:26-33

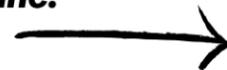
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Benediction and Sending

Hope Has Come (Behold Him) - Red Rocks Worship

Fuel the Mission & Give Online:
RPUMC.mywell.org
(ACH transfers save funds)



Brief daily readings & reflections
for advent can be found here:



FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY
UNITED METHODIST MEN
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 10AM



FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Friday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Family Roots Market

Dec. 5 4-7pm

Local market with fun kids activities
hosted by United Methodist Men
in the large parking lot



Women's Luncheon

Sat., Dec. 6th
10-11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

All women of the church are invited!

RSVP by Nov. 30th by calling the church office (904) 355-5491.
Hosted by Women In Mission (All 3 circles).

Christmas Cantata JOURNEY
SUNDAY, DEC 14TH to JOY
10:30 AM ONE SERVICE



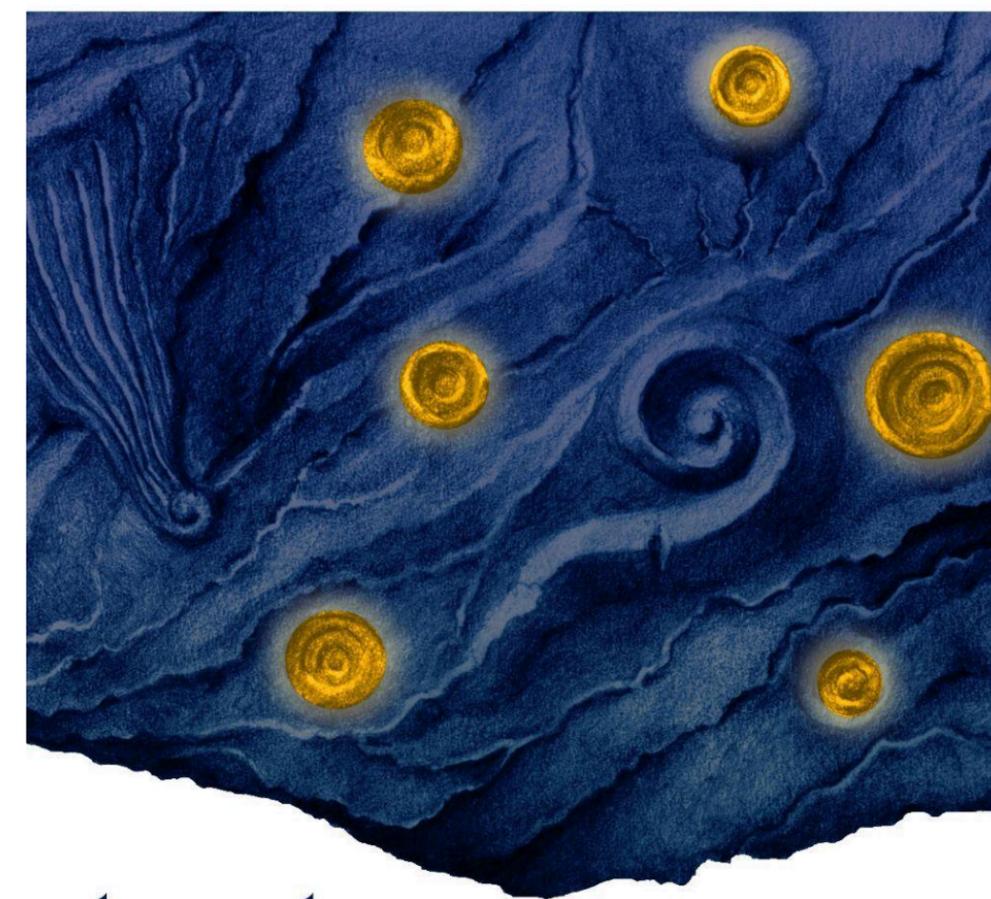
Blue Christmas

A holiday service of hope & remembrance

Wednesday, Dec 17 @ 6:30pm in the chapel



Christmas Eve Services
Wed., Dec. 24th: 4:30pm & 7pm
4:30 p.m. - Contemporary
7:00 p.m. - Traditional



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THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Advent 2025



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