



**November 30, 2025**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"

German Carol

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship Janet Corum

One: We may not know when,

**All: but you are coming to us, grace overflowing from your heart, O God.**

One: We may not know who,

**All: but your hope will be shared by the least likely people, Friend of the poor.**

One: We may not know how,

**All: but your peace will transform our angry words into warm welcomes, our bitterness into cups of love, Spirit of Joy.**

**\*Hymn #119**

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Janet Corum

(using "debts" and "debtors")

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Candle of Hope**

Special Music Arden & Phillip Mitchell, duet

Phillip Mitchell, piano

"Hope is"

Phillip Mitchell

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder

(located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn #122**

**"Comfort, Comfort You My People" (vs. 1 & 3)**

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Matthew 24:36-44

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

"Be Ready"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #128**

**"One Candle is Lit" (vs. 1 & 4)**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

\*Dedication Prayer

**RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion*

*without regard for denominational affiliation.*

*You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion

Tom Maddox & Sue Napper

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"There's a Song in the Air"

Arr. Pepper Choplin

**GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Scripture Reading**

**Reading- Matthew 24:36-44**

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.