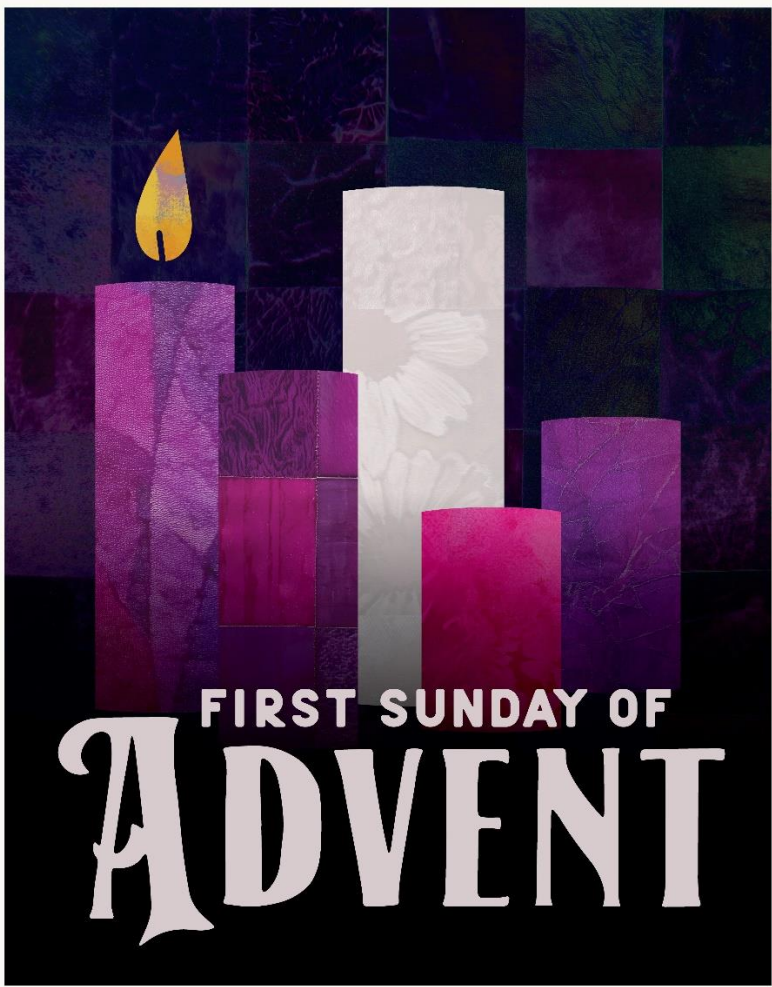


First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
10:30 AM



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Of one thing we can be certain: our fragile, mortal lives will come to an end. We know neither the day nor the hour. Yet with our hearts enlightened by faith, we know that Christ--our life and our resurrection--is already with us in his word, his baptismal promise, his body and blood, his community of faith. We have been grasped and held for all time with Christ's steadfast love. In these gifts of grace, the people of God rejoice. Indeed, if there is any urgency, it concerns our mission in this fragile, broken world that yearns for light, life, and salvation.

HYMN SING

Today, we will follow a 'Hymn Sing' format. We'll sing selected verses from hymns chosen by you, along with time for prayer, scripture, a sermon, and communion. Anyone may choose a hymn (title, number and hymnal) from any of the hymnals available and write it on the slip of paper included in your bulletin. Place your selection in the basket near the baptismal font and we'll draw from them at random throughout the service. Let's worship together in song!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John 1:5, 9

P Each week in Advent we light a candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines.

C **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

P The light shines in the darkness,

C **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

HYMN "Light One Candle"

1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Light One Candle". It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature.



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 Music: Yiddish folk tune, arr. Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
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SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of the dawn. We should anticipate his arrival and prepare for it as we would prepare to greet the new day.

Ⓡ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator 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, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come again to judge the living 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

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 and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.
2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."
3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

- a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;
- b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
