Elm Grove United Methodist Church



December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Prelude: Meditation on "Veni Emmanuel" by John Sciveyner

Anita Chops

*Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211

*Advent Service "GOD WITH US, EMMANUEL" By Joel Raney

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God. Emmanuel, Emmanuel. God with us, Emmanuel.

*Opening Prayer

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year. May we pause to remember that we have hope in you. You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully. We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again. More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen.

crosswalk.com/special-coverage/christmas-and-advent

Sharing Concerns & Joys Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music "All is Well" By Michael J. Smith

David Waddell 8:30

"AN ADVENT CREDO" By Joseph M. Martin 11:00

Chancel Choir

Presentation of our Gifts

"What Gift Can We Bring" *Doxology UMH #87 vs. 1

*Prayer of Dedication:

Holy God of new beginnings, as we share our tithes and offerings with you, we are filled with hope. We enter the season of Advent with expectation; we have left behind us a time of fear, isolation, and uncertainty; and we raise our heads because we know our redemption is coming near. May our gifts be dedicated to help heal the brokenness of our world and to welcome our Messiah into the world once again. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

umcdiscipleship.org

Dismissal for Children's Church (ages infant—5th grade) 11:00

*Passing the Peace

"I Want to Walk as a Child of Light" *Hymn UMH #206

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Scriptures Neil Leftwich

Luke 21: 25-36

Neil Leftwich Message

Prayer of Confession

It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God.

There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help.

Forgive us, God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/11/prayer-of-confession-advent

Words of Assurance

Gracious Savior, this week, we begin the journey of Advent.

This is a season of expectation and anticipation, a time of preparation and confession. And so it is that we bring to the Lord a broken and contrite spirit which we know our God will honor. We take this time to truly prepare for the coming savior. Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. Thanks be to God.

moravian.org/2020/11/prayers-for-the-first-sunday-of-advent

Communion (see insert/on the screen)

"People Look East"

UMH #202

*Sending Forth:

*Hymn

Be people of hope. Let hope live in your heart and share the hope of Christ with all you meet. Share hope by noticing someone else's humanity. Share hope by listening to someone's story. Share hope by praying for our world. In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share hope. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share hope with those you meet. Amen.

liturgylink.net/2015/11/23/benedictions-for-advent

*Postlude

"HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINETED"
Anita Chops

By Harry Balcombe

*Congregational standing, if able. **Bold** congregational response.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

House of the Carpenter

Collecting in November & December

Hats Gloves Mittens Scarves

Place your donations in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support, so we can support others.

And as always, we gladly accept non-perishable food items for the Blessing Box all year.

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NOTICE - We will be printing a new directory. If anyone does not want their info in the new directory please call the office.

8th - Lois's Stitches of Caring will be selling - hats \$5, scarves \$5, & sets \$8

15th - Blue Christmas - 7:00pm

22nd - One Worship Service - 10:00am Cantata

24th - Christmas Eve Service - 7:00pm

25th - Christmas Day

29th - One Worship Service - 10:00am

TBD - Live Nativity Scene

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