

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

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*)

*Hymn

“People Look East”

UMH #202

*Sending Forth:

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.

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

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Choir Director & Organist: Ms. Anita Chops
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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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