



***Please stand if you are able**
UMH is United Methodist Hymnal (red book)
TFWS is The Faith We Sing (black book)

Welcome/Brief Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn TFWS 2090 (v 1)

Advent Song

Call to Worship (*responsive*):

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: Let us enter God's presence.

L: God will teach us the way of peace.

A: Let us travel along God's paths.

L: We begin the journey that leads us to Christmas.

A: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

L: This is a journey of peace.

A: Let us beat swords into plough shares.

L: This is a journey of hope.

A: Let us walk with God.

Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

All: Everlasting God, we begin our journey toward Christmas with hope stirring within. Teach us how to get ready. Show how to prepare our hearts for Jesus. Help us walk in your ways, as we put on your Son, Jesus Christ. Guide us on your paths of peace and understanding, as we prepare our hearts anew for the road ahead. Amen.

Opening Hymn TFWS 2092

Like a Child

Joys & Concerns with Pastoral/ Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offerings with Offertory

***The Doxology UMH 95**

Children's Time

Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn UMH 211 (v 1-2)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture

Romans 13:11-14

Message

Preparing Our Hearts: Hope

Hymn UMH 202

People, Look East

*Benediction

*Postlude



Scan/click with
your cell phone if
you would like to
give electronically!

*Has God laid something on your heart from today's worship?
Write it down so you don't forget to take it into your week!*

*Tell someone you didn't come in with that you love them
and that you're glad they're here!*

**Meet Jesus ~ Follow Jesus ~ Serve Jesus
Love Boldly ~ Serve Joyfully ~ Lead Courageously**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/IMPORTANT NOTES

Welcome! We're so glad you are here worshiping with us today! Children are *always* welcome to stay and participate in worship. The nursery is open and located in the corner of the fellowship hall. If this is your first time with us, please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate. We Livestream our services each Sunday. You can find these services on our church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/

-RIP IT- Free exercise group. Check FB group for updates.

-Bible Studies- Wednesdays **10am** in Rm 103 (Acts), Thursdays at **7pm**.

~Printed Advent Devotionals are Available~ pdf available on our website

-Christmas Caroling- Sat. Dec. 13th meet at the church at **4pm**.

-Angel Tree- The angels have been hung on the tree. Please put your name and Angel # on the clipboard after choosing your angel. Gifts should be returned, unwrapped, to the office no later than **Sun. Dec. 14th**.

-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service- Wed. December 24th at **9pm**. Our Christmas Eve Offering has been chosen to bless 2 missions this year: local mission- Ryan's Wish; global mission- support the people of Ukraine.

Read Ahead: Matthew 3:1-12

Romans 15:4-13

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