You Belong Here

***Please stand if you are able**
UMH is **U**nited **M**ethodist **H**ymnal (red book)
TFWS is **T**he **F**aith **W**e **S**ing (black book)

Announcements and Welcome to Worship

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting — Candle of Hope
Reader: Today we light the candle of hope. The Ghost of Christmas Past showed Scrooge the memories that shaped him—some joyful, some painful. As we look back, may we remember that God's grace meets us in every part of our story and calls us toward a new beginning.
Congregation: God of hope, meet us in our past. Help us learn from it, trust in your mercy, and welcome the new life you offer.
(Light the first candle)
Prayer: Faithful God, shine your light on our memories. Heal what is wounded, forgive what is past, and lead us forward in hope. Amen.

Advent Hymn TFWS 2090 Verse 1 *Advent Song*

Call to Worship (responsive*)*
Leader: Help me to follow your ways, O Lord.
People: Lead us in your truth and teach us your mercy.
Leader: We remember the steadfast love of God.
People: We come to worship with hope for a new beginning

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn UMH 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 63:7–9

Young Disciples Message and Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 340**
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 15:11–24

Message *Grace for the 'Scrooge' in Us*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Sleeping Adonai by Heather Sorenson*

***The Advent Doxology**
Praise God for gifts of hope and peace
Praise God for gifts of joy and love
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell
On earth for us – Emmanuel. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Sending Forth Hymn UMH 211**
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Has God laid something on your heart today?
Write it down so you don't forget to take it into your week.

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 church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/1stUMCGouv/

Bible Study- Wednesdays at 10am
RIP IT- Free exercise group. Check FB group or contact Amber Ormasen for updates.
-Mondays 5-6pm - Bell choir rehearsals - Please join us
- Fri. Dec. 11 - Women's Fellowship Dinner - All ladies are invited. Jumbo's Cantina at 5:30. RSVP to the office or DeDe at 315-778-5721
- Sun. Dec. 13 - Angel gifts are due - Unwrapped please
-Thurs. Dec. 24 - FREE Christmas Take Out Dinner - Call 315-287-2440 to order

Angels are on the Angel Tree! Please consider spreading Christmas blessings by purchasing items for an angel.

Read ahead for next week:
2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Luke 3:10-14

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First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
11am