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An Order for the Service of Worship

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT **9:30 AM** **NOVEMBER 29, 2026**

PRELUDE — Ms. Becky Oliver, Organist

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Nelson Stokes

GATHERING HYMN ***The Church in the Wildwood (1,3)*** Cokesbury **#121**

HYMN ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** UM Hymnal **#196**

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Traditional version*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker 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, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

** Universal*

GLORIA PATRI ***Glory Be to the Father*** UM Hymnal **#71**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:

The Advent Season begins today. We observe the tradition of lighting Advent Candles on the four Sundays before Christmas.

LIGHTING OF THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE — Phil & Amy Eskew, Frankie Locklair

PSALTER ***Psalm 122*** UM Hymnal **#845**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

MORNING PRAYERS: Rev. Nelson Stokes

Prayer Concerns/Praises from the Congregation
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY The Ushers and Congregation

HYMN ***A Charge to Keep I Have*** UM Hymnal **#413**

SCRIPTURE READING ***Galatians 4:1-7 (NT p178)*** Rev. Stokes, Reader

SERMON ***"Getting Ready for Christmas"*** Rev. Stokes

PARTING HYMN ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** UM Hymnal **#327**

BENEDICTION Rev. Stokes

POSTLUDE Ms. Oliver

Jacksons Grove extends a warm welcome to all newcomers.

A cordial welcome is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Instead of poinsettias for the sanctuary, we are invited to make a special tribute gift to support a specific charity, ministry, or cause. If you would like to participate in this effort, please complete the form on the insert provided and share Christmas Joy with others! In order to be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin the forms must be turned in to Karen NO LATER than Sunday, December 20th.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we gather for worship during this special time of year. Our traditional **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Worship & Holy Communion will be at 5:00pm, Thursday, December 24th.**

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