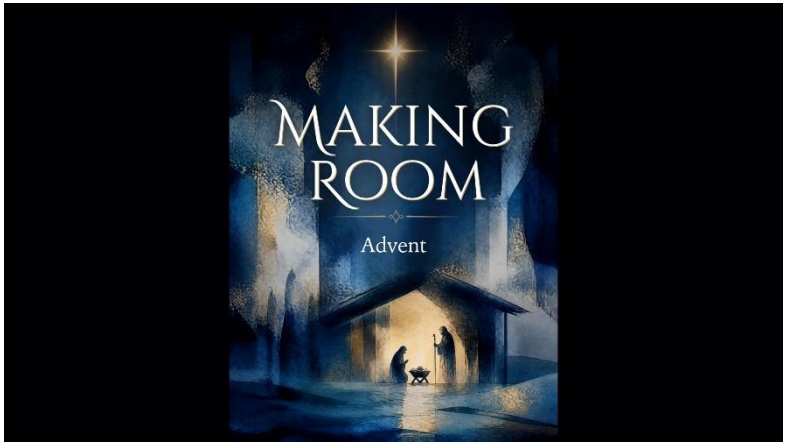
Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Mark 13:24-37

"In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven. Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he is near, at the door. I assure you that this generation won't pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away. But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only God knows. Watch out! Stay alert! You don't know when the time is coming. It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. Therefore, stay alert! You don't know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. Don't let him show up when you were not expecting and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!"



Sunday, November 29, 2026, 9:00 am

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

GATHERING SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

WELCOME & GREETING

*SONG *Come Emmanuel*

LIGHTING OUR FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – HOPE

Romans 5:1-5

Unison Prayer: When shall it be, O God, that the wilderness shall blossom as the rose and the rough places be made plain? When shall your glory arise among your people? When shall strife and warfare cease and your love reign? Renew our hope and quiet our fears. Revive us in this time of worship. O God of promise, visit us and lighten our darkness, we pray. Amen

SUNG RESPONSE *Prepare Him Room*

Prepare Him room; Prepare Him room; Let the King of glory enter in. Prepare Him room; Prepare Him room; Let the King of glory enter in.

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN
Following Children's Time, children 2nd grade and under may go to the Nursery.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Gracious God, as we begin this season of Advent, you call us to watch, wait and prepare for Christ's coming. Yet we confess that our lives are often so full of busyness, worry, and distractions that we leave little room for you. Forgive us when we are too busy to notice your presence, too distracted to hear your voice and too focused on ourselves to see the needs of others. Help us clear away the clutter in our hearts and lives to make room for hope, peace, joy and love. Keep us awake to your presence and ready to welcome Christ into our lives and our world as we make our silent confessions (silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE *Until Jesus Comes*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Hope Was Born This Night*

Advent Worship Theme: *Making Room*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24-37

SERMON *Making Room in the Waiting*

*SONG *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS
- Invitation
- Offertory
- Song of Thanksgiving *Come, O Redeemer, Come*

*CLOSING BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG *Do You Hear What I Hear*

Participating in Worship:
Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor
Lisa Wink, Treasurer, Worship Assistant
Bill & Carrie Anciaux Family, Readers
Jill Bandli, Children's Time
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