MT. LEBANON EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st SUNDAY of ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE - HOPE

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Cinda Isler

PRELUDE "There Is a Redeemer" Green

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Ashton Family

Leader: The first candle of Advent witnesses to the hope of following Jesus. We travel during these days to the stable and the manger where the One who gives hope is born.

All: Jesus came as the hope of God for the hopeless and helpless. He is the Light that shines like the Christmas star, when all else is dark.

Leader: In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)

All: In Christ alone, our hope is found. He is our light, our strength, and our song.

Leader: Even as Christ came once at His first Advent, so He will come again at His second Advent.

On the Day of the Lord, we shall behold Him, and our hope shall be fulfilled.

All: So we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:13)

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC "O Come, 0 Come, Emmanuel"
"Come Thou Fount"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE "All Who Are Thirsty"

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR BELLA STRICKLER

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDRENS WORSHIP

TIME FOR GREETING

GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" #813

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:1-7, Luke1:29-33

SERMON "A Season of Hope" Ben Kendrew

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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. He descended into hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He shall come to judge the living 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.

OFFERTORY	"Of the Father's Love Begotten"	Larson
CLOSING HYMN	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"	#244
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"	Hayes



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