

Gathering		
One: The Lord be with you.		
Many: And also with you.		
Welcome and Check-In		
Prelude	Hark, The Savior Comes! (Thomas Haweis)	
Lighting of the Advent Candle		
Choral Response: Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.		
Call to Worship	(Read Responsively)	
One: I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!”		
Many: We are standing in God’s presence, alert and ready to receive God’s word.		
One: The night is passing. The day of salvation is near.		
Many: We seek to live as people of the light.		
All: Come, Lord Jesus!		
Opening Hymn	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (#196)	
Opening Prayer	(Unison)	
God of the journey, God of Advent, we come this morning looking for signs, signs of love, light, mercy, and forgiveness. Come to us in this hour. Be the candle that burns for us in the darkness. Come into the night of our lives and be the sunlight that blooms for us! Amen.		
Greeting Time		
Special Music	God Chooses Who He Uses (Star of Wonder Cast)	
Children’s Moment		
Prayer for Illumination		
Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.		
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSVUE)	
Middle Hymn		Emmanuel, Emmanuel (#204)
New Testament Lesson		Luke 1:5-24 (NRSVUE)
Response to the Word		
One: The word of God for the people of God.		
Many: Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	We Have Waited Such a Long Time	Rev. Burt Brooks
Anthem		Waiting (Pepper Choplin)
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
Offering Ourselves and Gifts to God		
You may place your offering in the offering plates, go to shadygroveumc.net/give or text serve to 73256 for a secure link to give. Standard text message rates do apply.		
Musical Offering		
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent (Robert Powell)		
Doxology		
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
Prayer of Dedication		
Giver of all good things, as we offer these gifts to you, open our eyes to see more clearly all that we have been given and all that we have to give. Stretch our capacity to give of ourselves: our love, our companionship, and our material resources, wherever they are needed. Amen.		
Closing Hymn		Blessed Be the God of Israel (#209)
Blessing and Going Forth		

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Joan Burger by Mike and Jan Burger.

Prayer Shawls and Port Pillows

Prayer shawls are available for you to take for yourself or to give
to someone who is suffering with despair, loss, or illness.
Port pillows are available for someone who might have a port (port-a-cath),
colostomy bag, or other small medical appliance needing protection
from a seat belt.

Announcements

Check out “What’s Happening” and sign up to receive the weekly eblast at
<http://shadygroveumc.net/whats-happening>

Church Calendar

Check out the church calendar at <http://shadygroveumc.net/calendar>

Church Staff

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November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent
9:30 am Traditional Worship



We are glad to have you worship with us and hope everyone
will click [HERE](#) to let us know you were in worship. You may
also scan the QRCode or Mobile Check-In through Realm.



Hearing Assistance Devices Are Available

Please see an usher if a device is needed.
Devices are cleaned and sanitized after each use.

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