November 29, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Variations on "Divinum Mysterium"
Diane Combs arr. Matthew Corl

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE *Jeff and Anne Gaura*
"Hope"

(sung)
Choir:
Will you light a candle for Hope?
Will you light a candle for Hope?
Congregation:
We will light a candle for hope, to shine amid the dark.

Reader:
"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in a land of deep darkness — a light has dawned." *(Isaiah 9:2)*

(spoken—by all)
Today we light the first Advent candle, the candle of HOPE. With believers around the world, this light helps us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

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***OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*
Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin, as though there were no justice.
We live in fear, as though there were no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
For you are the God of our salvation.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***GLORIA PATRI**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH,** in unison
God sent the promised Deliverer to his people.
Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God, we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love and forgive one another.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Emmanuel, God with Us" arr. Lloyd Larson
Merideth Sanders, soloist

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 80: 4-7 *Lolly Kreider*
SECOND SCRIPTURE: Mark 13:24—37

SERMON: "The Sky Is Falling"
Rev. Jim Moseley

:: Prayers of the People ::

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.***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE, *seated*
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Hymn #82

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Robt. Lau
Diane Combs

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"**
Hymn #97

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

POSTLUDE Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Diane Combs *arr. Jerry Westenkuehler*

* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service





"May Advent mornings make us
happy to be your children,
and the evenings bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

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: HOPE :

WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

If you are visiting today, we're delighted to have you!
Please stay on after worship for
coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.