**GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD** Sunday, November 29, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Choral Introit

Welcome/Announcements Darcy Young

*Call to Worship Lora Moliterni

Leader: Praise the Lord, for our God is faithful and full of love!
**People: We praise You, O God, for You bring hope to a weary world!**
Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord; let every valley be lifted up!
**People: We lift our hearts in praise, for the glory of the Lord is coming!**
Leader: Rejoice! Our Savior has come, is with us, and will come again!
**People: Hallelujah! Jesus is our hope, our joy, and our salvation!**

*Lighting of the Advent Candle Tom Ripple, Mike, Jessica, Hayden & Maya Ripple

*Praise Songs Praise Band

Prayer Lora Moliterni

**Gracious God, thank You for sending Jesus, our living hope. When our world feels dark and uncertain, shine Your light into our hearts. Help us prepare the way of the Lord. Renew our faith as we begin this Advent journey, and fill us with joyful expectation for Christ's coming. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!**

Anthem: "A Time for Advent" Choir

Children's Moment: The Hanging of the Chrismons Pastor Sung Ho Lee

Lighting of the Christmas Tree
Leader: Christ is coming!
**People: He is the light of the world!**

*Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1–5 Lora Moliterni

Comfort, comfort my people!
says your God.
2 Speak compassionately to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her that her compulsory service has ended,
that her penalty has been paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins!
3 A voice is crying out:
"Clear the Lord's way in the desert!
Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!
4 Every valley will be raised up,
and every mountain and hill will be flattened.
Uneven ground will become level,
and rough terrain a valley plain.
5 The Lord's glory will appear,
and all humanity will see it together;
the Lord's mouth has commanded it."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message: Jesus Is Our Hope Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts
The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

Sharing Joys and Concerns Lora Moliterni

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Praise Song Praise Band

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able