

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 SERVICE TIME 11:00 AM

GATHERING

*Greet others and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

JOYS, CELEBRATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

*Please be seated and prepare for worship with quiet meditation and prayer.*

INTROIT

*Bring a Gift of Love*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy.

**Watch for this gift!**

Be vigilant and ready. For the gift is about to come.

**The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.**

Watch, wait. The Gift is coming into the world!

**Praise be to God for such lavish love. AMEN.**

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

First Reading

**Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.**

Second Reading

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

\*HYMN 196

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*A MODERN AFFIRMATION 885

\*GLORIA PATRI 70

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY 95

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

by Paul Baloche

Performed by Chip Mackley

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:11-14

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Advent 1 - Hope*

\*HYMN 202

*People, Look East*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Spirit Song*

\*POSTLUDE

*Items in **Bold** are unison. Items with an asterisk (\*) denote standing as you are able.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCH: Sunday, November 30 will be Holston Children's Home collection day. Start saving those bucks for the children.

LOCAL MISSIONS DONATIONS: First Sunday of the month or the Sunday we share Holy Communion.

UWIF: Next Sunday, December 7th, let's join together for a Holiday Fellowship Luncheon after church in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share.

UWIF: "Christmas Social" on Thursday, December 11th at noon in the fellowship hall. We have decided to do a covered dish luncheon and are inviting all ladies of the church. Those invited do not need to bring anything.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE: Every Wednesday and the First Saturday of the month and open from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Contact Sue Evans to serve in this church outreach mission. December 6 is the first Saturday this month.

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church
30-Nov	Hoffman	Evans/Peake	Crabtree	Antczak
07-Dec	Wright	Hadleys	Communion	Antczak
14-Dec	Littlejohn	Bartholomews	Kruger	Payne
21-Dec	Payne	Winninghams	Wright	Pennington
28-Dec	Holder	Walkers	Crabtree	Bontrager

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