



**HOLY COVENANT  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**First Sunday of Advent  
Order of Worship**

November 28, 2021

10:30 a.m. In-Person/Live Streaming

**Prelude (Screens)**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Vera Kleinhenz

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Murphy

\*Procession of Advent Bells

*Advent Introit and Blessing*

Wesleyan Choir

**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Screens)**

Leader: Christians around the world begin today waiting for the arrival of a babe. We join with joyous and hopeful anticipation as we light the Advent candles, symbols of our faith. We will be surrounded by God's love and light for the journey.

**People: We gather as a people of Hope.**

Leader: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep convictions. We believe, we have received the Promise and greatest gift we will ever receive in the babe that will arrive in a manger.

**People: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope, guided by the Light of the world!**

**\*Opening Hymn UMH 211 (Screens)** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Vera Kleinhenz

Time with Children

Laulie Eckeberger

**Holy Covenant News (Screens)**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Cheryl Murphy

**The Lord's Prayer** 3071 W&S

Vera Kleinhenz

*Our God in heaven, holy is your name.*

*Your reign come, your will done, on earth, as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread, and help us forgive, as we have been forgiven.*

*In the time of trial lead us into light,*

*for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.*

*Our God, in heaven, holy is your name, holy is your name. Amen.*

Scripture

Luke 1:57-80

**Special Music**

*Advent Cry*

Wesleyan Choir

Message

The Spirit of Hope

Rev. Cheryl Murphy

Invitation to Generous Giving

Tracy Piccola-Norris

Offertory Prayer

**Offertory (Screens)**

*The First Noel*

Wesleyan Choir

Invitation

Rev. Cheryl Murphy

**\*Sending Hymn UMH 202 (Screens)** *People Look East*

Vera Kleinhenz

Benediction

Rev. Cheryl Murphy

**Benediction Response 2280 TFWS (Screens)** *The Lord Bless and Keep You*

Vera Kleinhenz

*The Lord bless and keep you,  
the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.  
The Lord bless and keep you,  
the Lord lift His countenance on you and give peace, give you peace.  
Shalom. Shalom.*