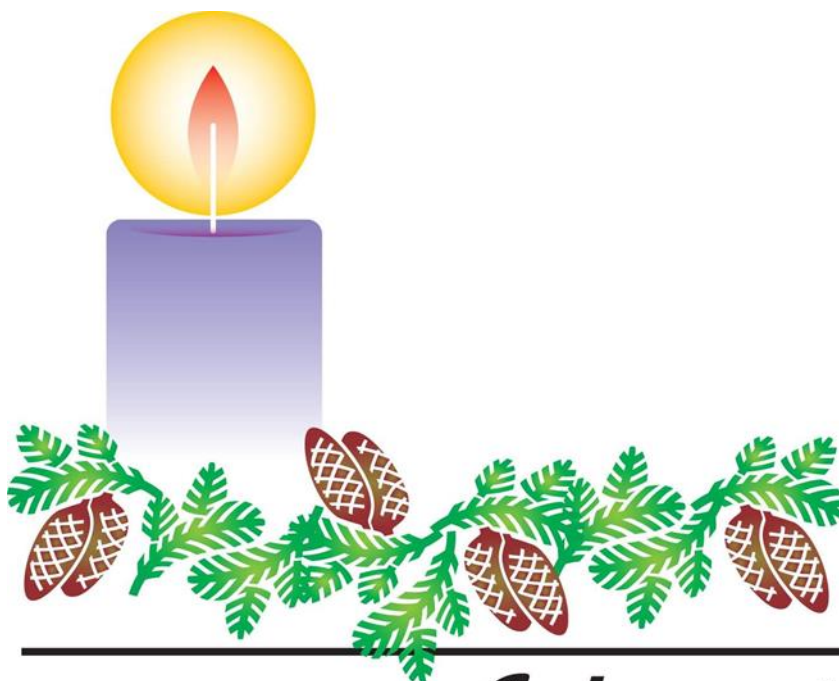




FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



CHESHIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.

All are welcome (all means all)!

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HANGING OF THE GREENS

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

10:00 A. M.

“Deck the halls with boughs of holly...”

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WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

The Bible Bearer

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

The Acolyte

◆ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

P: **With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

P: **With garlands of pine and fir; show leaves that are ever living, ever green.**

L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

P: **With wreaths of holly, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.**

L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Son of God?

P: **By hearing the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.**

L: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

P: **but that the world through him might be saved. Glory to God in the highest!**

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

A SERMON IN FOUR PARTS (pt. 1)

“Rhymes with Prepare”

FIRST DECORATING DETAIL

◆ HYMN #211 (vv. 1 & 2)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN (Hymn #191) AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

◆ CHILDREN’S HYMN #211 (v. 3)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(Elementary aged children go to Sunday School while ushers collect green prayer cards)

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3a

A SERMON IN FOUR PARTS (pt. 2)

“Rhymes with Prepare”

SECOND DECORATING DETAIL

HYMN #211 (vv. 4 & 5)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

THIRD LESSON

A SERMON IN FOUR PARTS (pt. 3)

THIRD DECORATING DETAIL

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Ray Family with Our Chancel Choir
“A Voice Cries Out”

Jeremiah 33:14-16
“Rhymes with Prepare”

FOURTH LESSON

A SERMON IN FOUR PARTS (pt. 4)

FOURTH DECORATING DETAIL

♦HYMN #206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

♦LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (see insert) Jen Krein and Jacob Davies

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

♦CLOSING HYMN #211 (vv. 6 & 7)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

♦BENEDICTION

♦SINGING OF THE PEACE #666

“Shalom to You”

HELPING US OUT TODAY

Usher: Sergio Deganis

Prayer Cards: Susan King

Counters: Joe Bogacki, Vanda O'Reilly

Nursery: Carla Reagan, Grace Hanke

Sunday School: Kellie Moran, Sarah Champagne

Livestream Tech: Matt Heafy

Fellowship Hour: The Davis family

Powerpoint Creator: Fabio Dioses

Powerpoint Engineer: Mark Gilleylen

Announcements

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Ruth Veleber in memory of her parents.

Advent Study Series begins today, and runs every Sunday in Advent from 5-6:30 p.m. We will be studying chapter 1 of “Faithful”, by Adam Hamilton.

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.

Welcome!

This is a Welcoming, Reconciling congregation. We embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ's call for compassion, justice, healing and wholeness. Therefore, we welcome into our faith community persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, gender identity and expression, level of education and family structure. We believe we can all love alike, even if we don't think alike. We invite all to share in the life, leadership, lay and ordained ministry, worship and sacraments, the covenant of committed love in holy matrimony, fellowship, blessings and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

Who We Are . . .

We are a church family that welcomes everyone through our doors no matter the political affiliation, no matter which forms of Christian thought you hold, no matter what - you are welcome here because we are all members of the family of God.

Like other families, we may not always agree on everything, but we are called to love one another enough to forgive one another, respect our differences, and work and minister together as we spread and live out the Gospel message of God's love offered to this world in the form of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

To this end, we aspire to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God(Micah 6:8).