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**Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.  
All are welcome (all means all)!**

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# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

10:00 A. M.

HYMN SING

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God meets us in the middle of ordinary life.

**People: We gather with open eyes and open hearts.**

Leader: No one knows the day or the hour, yet God draws near.

**People: We stay awake to wonder, hope, and grace.**

Leader: The Holy One comes like morning light.

**People: We are ready to welcome God with joy.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

♦ OPENING HYMN #196

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

♦ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

**Holy One, you come to us in ways we do not expect. You breathe life into ordinary days and fill the quiet moments with your presence. You shine light where we have grown used to the dark. You stir hope where we feel tired. You call us to live awake, ready, and open. Shape our hearts to notice your grace. Lead our steps to walk in your way. Receive our praise as we gather with gratitude for all you have done and all you will reveal. Amen.**

♦ LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (#2090 verse 1) “Light the Advent Candle”

♦ CHILDREN’S HYMN “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD’S PRAYER “Jesus Loves Me”  
(*ushers collect green prayer cards*)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. 542 OT, responsive) Psalm 130

♦ THE GOSPEL LESSON (p. 26 NT) Matthew 24:36-44

- SERMON

“LIVING AWAKE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD”
- SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prepare for Emmanuel”

Patrick Liebergen
- PASTORAL PRAYER
- OFFERTORY
- ◆Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call
- ◆CLOSING HYMN #454

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
- ◆THE BENEDICTION
- ◆PASSING OF THE PEACE
- ◆Stand, if you are able

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| <i>Usher:</i> Joe Driscoll                 | <i>Visual Arts Creator:</i> Carl Strand     |
| <i>Ambassador:</i> Jim Jackson             | <i>Visual Arts Engineer:</i> Mark Gilleylen |
| <i>Fellowship:</i> The Deganis Family      | <i>Livestream Tech:</i> Sergio Deganis      |
| <i>Member Outreach:</i> Renee Poet         | <i>Counters:</i> Joe Pisani, Lean Spalding  |
| <i>Nursery:</i> Lianne and Daniel Adamczyk | <i>Prayer Cards:</i> Chris Driscoll         |
| <i>Sunday School:</i> Rose Kim             | <i>Lector:</i>                              |

Announcements.

The **altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Ruth Veleber, in memory of her parents, Alice and Everett Sellew, whose anniversary was November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our **2025 Advent Study** begins tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. The study will cover *A Child Is Born* by Amy-Jill Levine.

We have a new **YouTube channel** and encourage you to check it out. Links will be available on our church's website to access both our worship services in real-time as well as archived services beginning this past July.

# *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).