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

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

10:00 A. M.

PRELUDE

Mara Weed

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Pastor

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: In the midst of uncertainty, God speaks. Not always loudly, but faithfully.

**People: We come, listening for God's word among us.**

Leader: When fear whispers retreat, God calls us forward. When the path is unclear, God offers presence.

**People: We come, trusting the God who is with us.**

Leader: Joseph dreamed. He listened. He chose faithfulness over fear.

**People: We come, ready to receive God's surprising ways.**

Leader: The child is named Emmanuel. God with us, in flesh and breath and love.

**People: We worship the God who comes near and makes a home among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who enters our lives not by force, but by promise.

**All: Let us worship God together.**

♦ OPENING HYMN #221 (vs. 4)

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

♦ LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

The Sullivan Family

Advent Song (vs. 4) TFWS 2090

♦ 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 GOSPEL LESSON (p. 1 NT)

Matthew 1:18-25

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"THE BIRTH"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

♦ Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call

- ◆CLOSING HYMN #219
- ◆THE BENEDICTION
- ◆PASSING OF THE PEACE
- ◆Stand, if you are able

“What Child Is This”

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<i>Usher:</i> Steve Trumbo	<i>Visual Arts Creator:</i> Carl Strand
<i>Ambassador:</i> Jim Jackson	<i>Visual Arts Engineer:</i> Mark Gilleylen
<i>Fellowship:</i> The Grant Family	<i>Livestream Tech:</i> Matt Heafy
<i>Member Outreach:</i> Marge Jordan	<i>Counters:</i> Carol Hotz, Diane Gaborc
<i>Nursery:</i> Claire Strand	<i>Prayer Cards:</i> Ginny Ludwig
<i>Sunday School:</i> Christmas Pageant	<i>Advent Candle:</i> The Sullivan Family

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Announcements.

**Advent Study Series** meets for the final time on Monday, at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Our traditional **Christmas Eve** service, with candles and carols, will begin at 5 p.m. So that everyone can join us in the sanctuary for worship, there will be no nursery that evening.

# *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).