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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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Prelude

Welcome & Time of Silence

Sung Response: In this quiet moment, Jesus speak to me. Fill my heart with Thy love divine, Your power let me see.

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader: We light the candle of Hope to show us the way.

All: And to remind us that God is with us today.

Prayer: *God of Hope, thank you for listening and being present with us as we wait for Jesus. Amen*

Hymn 572

“Blessed Assurance”

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Sung response: Glory be to the Father; and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, Amen.

An Affirmation of Faith (unison)

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Mary, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Joys & Concerns)

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Contemporary Choir | “Celtic Advent Carol”

Scripture

Psalms 33:20-22, Isaiah 40:31, Romans 15:13

Sermon

“The Gift of Hope: What Will You Do With It?”

Anthem

Contemporary Choir | “My Jesus”

Congregational News

Hymn 245

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Charge & Benediction

Closing Hymn:

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face; and His love forever.
May the Lord, risen Lord, bless and keep you forever.

Postlude

Today:

- Music: Penny Antona, Sue and Mike Conklin, Contemporary Choir
- Sound/Lights: John Goldsmith, Maurice Davoren
- PowerPoint & Live Stream: Elizabeth & Rich Orengo
- Worship Leaders: Linda Tintle
- Our 9:30 AM service is live streamed on YouTube and you may appear in live worship

Upcoming Worship Leaders

November 30: Linda Tintle, Faith Reformed Church
December 7: Candy Burnett, Communion
December 14: Empower Program
December 21: Andrea Decker
December 28: Elizabeth Orengo

Giving QR Code

- To give by credit/debit cards/online checks use the QR code!
- Giving especially during this transitional time is essential!



Office Hours

- Monday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00pm and Wednesdays as needed.

Share your Joys & Concerns

- Did you know you can share your prayer requests 24/7 by posting them on our church app's Prayer Wall? [Download the app today.](#)
- They will also be collected before and during worship.

Interested in leading worship?

- Speak to Elizabeth about an upcoming Sunday in January, February, and March 2026.

Do you have any announcements or information to share?

- Send details to Maggie at secretary.otisvillepres@gmail.com by Monday to be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

Food Pantry Needs!

- Currently need JUICE, JELLY and CEREAL. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

- Wednesday Night Bible Study is being held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. We meet in person in the Memorial Room and via Zoom.
- Contact Jim or Sue Eggleton for more info.

Hand Bells

- Let's ring those Bells!! If you are interested in playing in the Hand Bell ensemble (on a Sunday) during the Christmas Season, please contact Sue Conklin ASAP. Rehearsals will be on Saturday mornings in November, beginning November 15th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent Candle Lighters are needed! Advent begins on Nov. 30 – Today

- Two-three friends or family members are needed for each of the four (4) weeks of Advent to light the Advent Candles.
- They will light a candle, do a reading and lead a prayer.
- It will be at the beginning of the service (in lieu of the Greeting) so Empower families can participate. Please contact Candy Burnett if you are interested in helping.

Sanctuary Decorating – November 30 – Today

- Please join us after worship on November 30 to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas, traditionally known as "Hanging of the Greens".
- We will need a couple of ladder people to put up interior decorations!

Annual Reports – due November 30 – Today

- Annual reports are due from all our groups with both a narrative of the year's activities and financial information by November 30.
- Advanced copies of the full report will be available beginning December 7 for review before the annual meeting.

Empower Christmas Pageant – December 14

- Please join our Empower Kids and Families for our Annual Christmas Pageant at our 9:30 AM worship hour.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation – December 14

- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, December 14, immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Live Nativity – December 14

- Step into the wonder of Bethlehem! Mary and Joseph, the Christ-child in the manger, wise men and shepherds gathered close, animals resting nearby, and angels ready to proclaim God's glory—the story comes alive before you!
- Join us anytime between 5:00–6:30 PM to experience what that holy night may have felt like so long ago.
- All are welcome—and refreshments will be served!

Remembrance Sunday – December 21

- We will have candles available for anyone who wants to light a candle in remembrance of those loved ones we are missing this holiday season.
- We hope the candles of loving remembrance will bring some comfort and peace to all.
- Candles can be lit before worship begins and during the last hymn.

Christmas Eve Services – December 24

Plans are underway for our three Christmas Eve services.

- Empower Families Service – 5:00 PM
- Traditional Candlelight Service #1 – 7:00 PM
- Traditional Candlelight Service #2 – 9:00 PM
- Greeters, readers, and candlelighters will be needed at the 7 and 9 PM services.
- If you'd like to help with any of the services, please contact: Jen D'Esposito (Empower service), Candy Burnett and Elizabeth Orengo (Candlelight services).

Fellowship & Thanks Supper – Christmas Eve

- Our dedicated worship leaders, musicians and tech team who lead worship on Christmas Eve often don't have time to go home between services. We would love your help in providing them with a simple meal and treats for a group of 10-15 people.
- If you are able, please bring a simple covered dish or treats to be shared. Your generosity will bless those who are serving so faithfully during this special time.
- It would be very helpful to have someone **organize** the meal. Please see Elizabeth Orengo if interested.
- Thank you for helping us care for those who give so much to make our Christmas Eve worship meaningful!

Calling All Carolers!

- It's that joyful time of year to spread Christmas cheer!
- If you love to sing and share the joy of the season, let us know by signing up to join our caroling team!
- If we have enough interest, we'll proceed with planning.
- Sign up sheet will be on the back table.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Do you like to quilt, sew, crochet or knit?
- Our crafters meet weekly on Wednesdays, 10 AM – 1 PM
- For our Prayer Shawl Ministry, we are in need of Infant and Youth sized prayer shawls and/or blankets.
- For more information, speak with Karen Ketcham.

Deacon's Medical Closet

- There are walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and other medical supplies available for those in need. See Frank or Will.

Manse Emergency Red Lights

- If anyone sees these lights turned on in the manse, please notify Kevin O'Connell so that he can investigate. Kevin's cell is 845-346-6638.

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