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Announcements The next Men’s Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 6 at 8 AM in Anderson Hall. Decorate the Sanctuary and have a sandwich! Please stay after church today to help us decorate for the holiday season. 4-Week Advent Bible Study, Voices of Advent – The bible study will continue for three more weeks on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 at 7 PM via Zoom. Contact Richard or Elizabeth for the study book \$12. Advent Readers – Advent begins today. Please contact Richard or Jayne to volunteer to read the Lighting the Advent Candles verses for the four weeks of Advent. A sign-up sheet is also in the Anchor Room. Worship Leaders; Scripture Readers; Children’s Moment — Please volunteer using the sign-up sheet in the Anchor Room. Elizabeth needs help and Michael will be gone for the next three weeks. Princeton Pantry Project – November – We are collecting corn muffin or stuffing mix .	



CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Seek God’s Will ~ Teach God’s Love ~ Serve God’s World

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath
(see insert)

*Call to Worship
Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.
>We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.
>We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God’s here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.
>We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.
>Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

*Morning Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH 196)*

Roots & Wings Moment

*Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People
Together, let us pray for
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Now, with the confidence of God’s people, may we pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

>**The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)**

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 122 (UMH 845)

Offering and Offertory Music
*Doxology, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH 94)
*Offertory Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Isaiah 2:1-5 (Old Testament, Pew Bible page 631-632)

Message: *"Stay Awake"*
Text: Matthew 24:36-44 (New Testament, Pew Bible page 27-28)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: *Hymn of Promise (UMH 707)*

*Benediction



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Pray for: Sick and shut-in members; The United Methodist Church; Bishops; District Superintendents; Pastors; the President; the Governor; the military and their families; world leaders and elected officials; and pray for peace.

Military Personnel: Tom Bone IV and Andy Walker

November 2: Sharon M., prayers for Joe M. as he undergoes cataract surgery – a steady hand and a positive outcome; All Saints Day remembrances: Bruce and Jean Ford; Hiram and Helen Ball; Randy Belcher; Hannah Mann; Charles and Jean Ford; Gertrude “Mamaw” Clark; Bill Moore and Frank Verduce; Pamela Reed; Tom Bone III; Richard and Helen Shumate; Otis, Evelyn, and Peggy Mann; Ruth Wall, Louise Clark and Alice Wall; Martin and Nelly Moeller; Martha Jane Ball.

November 9: Joe M., I thank everyone for your thoughts and moral support for my cataract surgery; Sharon M., the second cataract surgery is on December 3; Jack F., it is a joy that we have a new roof over our head. It is finished and there were no accidents; Elizabeth M., thank you Jack for facilitating the new roof; Mary G., we lift up our prayers and are thankful that our daughter has safely relocated to Raleigh, NC; Katie H., prayers for people in need and worried about their food source; and also please note the Honors Program at Concord U is holding a special food drive; Mike K., prayers for all the men and women who have served in the military and our first responders; Joe M. prayers for our country and our leaders; Kathy F. it is a joy that John made it home safely from France on his most recent trip; Paulette B., prayers for my housekeeper and her husband, Connie and Ronnie D., who are recovering from a three-car accident over the weekend; Greg B., prayers for the family of Sue Collins Brits who passed away; Richard M., to all our veterans today – thank you for your service.

November 16: Joyce M., prayers for my cousin Terry E. who had an accident and is in the hospital; Richard M., pray for safe travels for all of Chris B.’s family as they travel home; pray for our country and its leaders; thanks to Elizabeth and Jayne and all the everyone who helped with Tom B.’s service; Elizabeth M., thank you to Rose K. for playing the piano.

November 23: Prayers for Gail R. who was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia; Joyce: Prayers for our 5-year-old grandson Banks; Justin: Prayers for my cousin Charlie K. who is having elbow surgery tomorrow; Michael: Prayers for my sister’s husband who passed last week after a battle with Parkinson’s; Kathy: Continued prayers for Lorin, Susan and Barry. They are all doing as well as can be expected; Scott: Keep the food banks in WV in our prayers; Joe M. Prayers for our country and its leadership; Jack F. Prayers for the family of Judy C., and for our son who is flying home from New York right now. Chris: Joy that Tommy and Sandra arrived home in Kazakhstan safely this morning at 4:30 am, but they will be back in January to stay; Kathy: Joy that Princeton HS won their quarter final last week; I really felt like Tom B. was watching out for us because Bridgeport HS (#1 team-State Champion last year) lost their first game in two years last week! Prayers for everyone who is traveling during the Thanksgiving holiday this week.

(Prayer requests will be listed here for four weeks.
First names and last initials are used with details omitted to protect privacy).

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** The Lectionary: Daily Readings may be found on our website at concordathens.org

First Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Advent Wreath

November 30 – Purple Candle of Hope

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Reader 2: In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (Mark 13:35).

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