

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30, 2025**

**Prelude** J.J. Niles  
*“I Wonder As I Wander”*

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Choral Call to Worship** Choir

**Advent Candle of Hope**

Ally Crews, Alex & Pastor Cheryl Murray

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 234  
*“Oh Come All Ye Faithful”* (vss. 1, 3, 6)

**\*Pass the Peace** [*You are invited to greet those sitting around you in the name of Jesus*]

**\*Hymn** UMH 196  
*“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

[Children come forward for Children’s Moment]

**Children’s Moment** Pastor Cheryl

**Anthem** Choir  
*“Be Not Afraid”* by Lee Dengler

**Scripture** Carolyn Trezevant  
*Matthew 24: 36-44*

**Message** Pastor Cheryl  
*Thief in the Night*

**Call to Prayer** Choir

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Cheryl

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offertory** R.S. Widmer  
*“Prelude on ‘The Sussex Carol’”*

**\*Doxology** UMH 95  
**\*Hymn** UMH 706  
*“Soon and Very Soon”*

**\*Sending Forth** Pastor Cheryl  
**\* Choral Benediction** Choir

**\*Postlude** J.G. Walther  
*“O Thou of God the Father”*  
**\* Stand if you are able**

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

*How do you become a member of the church?  
Let the pastor know by phone call, text, or email.  
You may also come forward during the last hymn  
during worship*

Scan this QR code and complete the required information to submit your attendance with us today.



**Worship Leaders**

*Rev. Cheryl Murray  
John Burkett, Organist  
Kristin Wood, Choir Director  
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech  
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader*

**Mission of the Month**

The November Mission is Community Thanksgiving Meal. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with “Thanksgiving Meal” in the memo line, will benefit this mission. Or you can scan here to give online.



Join us Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. Handmade Gifts, Baked Goods, Silent Auction and more! All Proceeds go directly to missions in Commerce & beyond.



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### Upcoming Activities

#### **Nov. 30 (Sun.)**

First Sunday of Advent

#### **Dec. 2 (Tue.)**

Chicken Spaghetti Orders Due

Men's Breakfast (Texas Cafe) 8AM

Women's Study 3PM

#### **Dec. 3 (Wed.)**

Country Home Estate Service at 2PM

Music & More from 4-5:30PM

A Child is Born Advent Study & Dinner 5:30PM

Choir Practice at 6PM

#### **Dec. 4(Thur.)**

Serve Team Meeting 10:30AM

Merry Market Set Up

#### **Dec. 6(Sat.)**

Merry Market 10AM-3PM

Commerce Christmas Parade 5:30PM



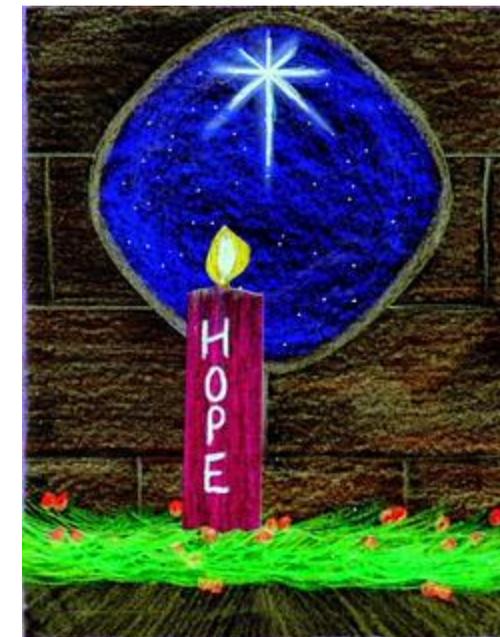
- Our Country and its Leaders
- Family of Jack Gray
- Mary Louise McMahan
- Priscilla McFarland
- Marcia Hakala
- Mark & Donna Streetman
- Kyle Smith
- Becca Rowe
- Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
- Mike Clay
- Debbie Dunham
- Bill Heitholt
- Richard Young, Lee Riddle's grandson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie & Judy Cortea
- Robert Seay



#### **Gifts, Cookies and Juices Needed for Angel Tree Program!**

The Angel Tree program is a ministry through Prison Fellowship. It provides Christmas gifts for children whose parents are incarcerated. Each child will receive at least one toy and one set of clothes. Individuals and groups may sponsor a child with Christmas gifts of either toys or clothes or both.

The Angel Tree is located near the entrance of the Sanctuary. Wrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Cookies and juice for the party on the Dec.21<sup>st</sup> can be dropped off between Dec.15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Signup sheets for Angels and Snacks are located in the gathering area.



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### **First United Methodist Church**

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**10:00 a.m. Sanctuary**