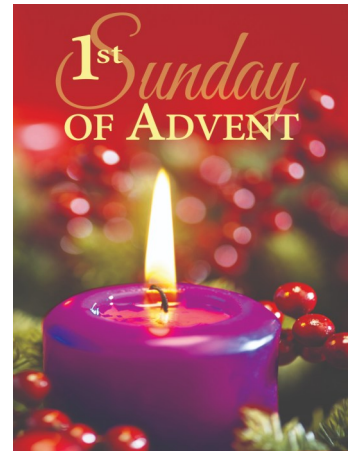


Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
1st Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome

The Prelude **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: **Joy**

Advent Prayer

“Light the Advent Candle” TFWS # 2090 (vs. 1)

The Call to Worship: *(By BJ Beu, adapted)*

Wait for the Lord: God is coming to save us.

The eyes of the spiritually blind will be opened, and our ears will hear.

Wait for the Lord: Christ is coming to heal us.

**The spiritually exhausted will leap like a deer, and our tongues will shout
for joy.**

Wait for the Lord: The Spirit is coming to renew our souls.

All things will be made new.

Come! Let us worship.

*The Opening Hymn: **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH #206**

Opening Prayer *(By BJ Beu, adapted)*

As the days darken and the winter winds blow, come to us, Promised One, in our time of waiting. Keep the vision of your salvation before our eyes, where we may all see, hear, and leap for joy as the lowly are lifted up. Shine the light of your healing love into the darkness of our land, that all may see your glory and know that salvation is at hand. Live in and through us during this Advent season, that we might be messengers of your grace and instruments of your peace. Amen.

Hanging of the Greens: *(While the children are decorating the Christmas tree, the congregation will sing “O Christmas Tree” and “Deck the Halls”- insert)*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **Isaiah 35: 1-10**

Luke 1: 46-55

(Continued on the back)

The Message: “**Mary’s Joy**”

Meditation in Music “**Greensleeves**”

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer **UMH # 895**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)

*The Closing Hymn: “**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**” **UMH # 196**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude “**Glory in the Highest**”



Please pray for:

Harold Aziz
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Geneva and Norman
Beckwith
Michael Breed
Cathy Brissette
Russell Brown
Kendal Buck
Cameron (Ralph’s
grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Betty Crocker
Karen Crommett
Danielle
Donna & Mike
DiTaranto
Crystal Farris

Harold and Lynn
Gerard
Kay Gregory
Russell Hickey
Nancy Holmes
Vicky Kelley
Michael LaPlante
Ann LeClair
Kevin Lee
Cathy & Mark
Leonard
Emily Long’s gram
Lois, sister-in-law of
Pat O’Connor
Jerry Lucas
Steve McNelly
Judy Meserve’s
cousins
Jim Meserve
Kathy Meserve
Ellen Minotty
Tony Morgan

Pat O’Connor
Dennis O’Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Carla Parsons
Peggy Philips
Jessie Powell
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Morris Quintal
Alton Ranks
Tanya Russell
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
Sullivan Smith
Flo Sutter
Laverne & Tim
Tardiff
Randy and Lisa
Thibeau
Rick Thombs

Tracy Trott
Samantha Dunn
Walker
Lorna Ulmer’s
brothers
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams
Bert Winslow
Irene Wise

**People of the Middle
East
The Military
Border Concerns
People of Ukraine
Victims of Violence
Victims of Natural
Disasters**