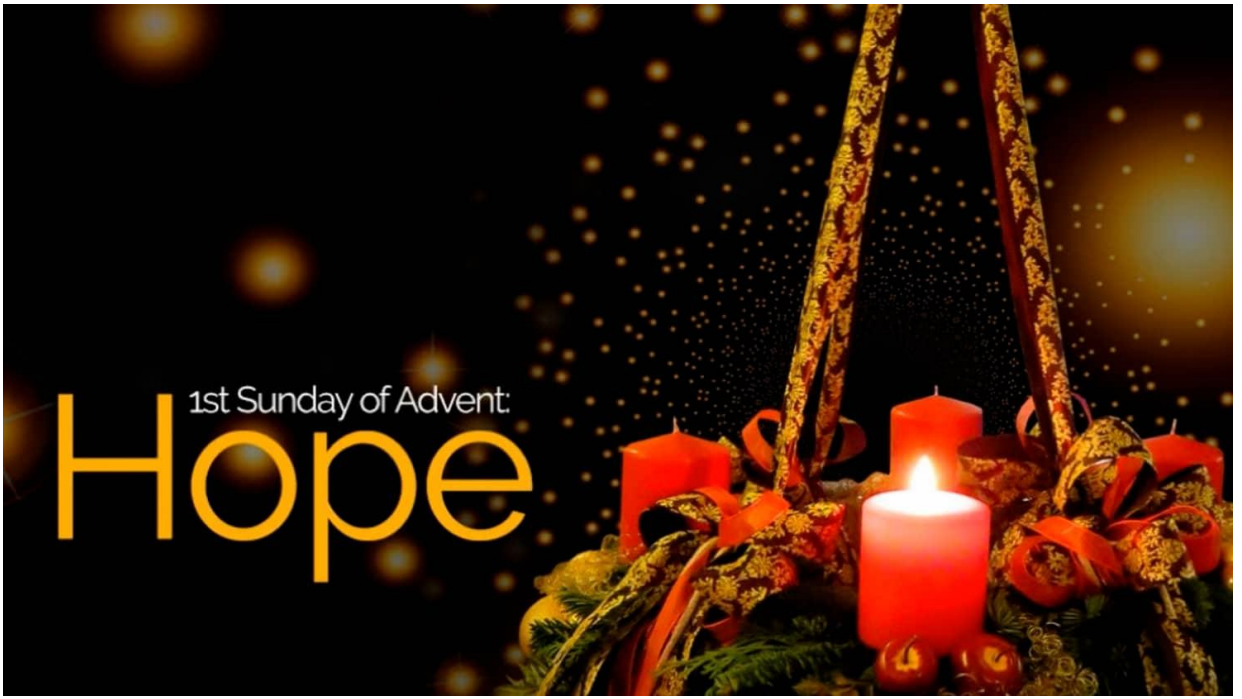


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Welcome to the Cheshire United Methodist Church.
All are welcome (all means all)!

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 **10:00 A. M.**

PRELUDE Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF WELCOME The Pastor

◆CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
Leader: Come, people of God! We gather before the One whose grace can transform every life.
People: God's love meets us where we are and calls us toward new beginnings.
Leader: Christ called Saul to change his direction and Ananias to embrace a surprising calling.
People: Open our eyes to your grace and our hearts to one another.
Leader: God calls us to love with all our heart, soul, and strength.
People: May that love be reflected in our words, relationships, and actions.
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who transforms us and sends us to share the good news.
All: With grateful hearts and willing spirits, we worship God, whose love changes lives and brings us together. Amen.

◆OPENING HYMN #**198** "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

◆FIRST ADVENT PRAYER (SEE INSERT)

◆LIGHTING OF HOPE CANDLE

◆ADVENT HYMN # **2090** (TFWS) vs. 1 only "Advent Song"

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER "Jesus Loves Me"
(*ushers collect green prayer cards*)

THE FIRST LESSON (p. **157** OT) Deuteronomy 6:5

THE SECOND LESSON (p. **119-120** NT) Acts 9:1-22 (responsive)

THE SERMON "MADE FOR PURPOSE: SHARE"

CHORAL ANTHEM "He Will Come" John L. Bell

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

- Doxology #**95**, Prayer of Dedication and Altar Call
- CLOSING HYMN #**209** "Blessed Be the God of Israel"
- THE BENEDICTION
- PASSING OF THE PEACE "Pass it On"
  - Stand, if you are able

Ambassadoor: Jim Jackson
Fellowship: Sergio and Dawn Deganis
Member Outreach: Dot Mattson
Prayer Cards: Chris Driscoll
Lector: Dee Popolizio
Promise Kids: Sue Trumbo, Kaitlin Heuser
Visual Arts Creator: Chris Driscoll
Visual Arts Engineer: Mark Gilleylen
Livestream Tech: Steve Trumbo
Counters: Joe Driscoll, Ruth Veleber
Usher: Joe Bogacki
Nursery: Renee Poet, Justin Heuser

Announcements

The **Fellowship Committee** will be meeting following worship today, November 29th, following worship in the Faithful Thomas Room.

The **Advent Bible Study** will resume meeting on Monday, November 30th, at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faithful Thomas Room.

The **Christmas Cantata** will be performed during worship on Sunday, Dec 13th.

On Sunday, December 20th, during worship, we will present the **Christmas Live Pageant.**

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!

We are a Welcoming and Reconciling congregation. Rooted in God's love, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person and seek to live Christ's call to compassion, justice, healing, and wholeness. We welcome people of all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, nationalities, abilities, family structures, and social or economic backgrounds into the full life and leadership of the church. We believe we can love alike even when we do not think alike, and we invite all to share in worship, ministry, fellowship, and the sacraments as we grow together in faith and love.

Who We Are . . .

We are a church family that welcomes all, regardless of political views or Christian perspectives, because we belong to the one family of God. Though we may not always agree, we commit to loving, forgiving, honoring our differences, and serving together as we live out the Gospel of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. Guided by Micah 6:8, we strive to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.