



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

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† **All who are able may stand**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

"Advent Candles Light The Way"

by Charles McCartha
& Dale Peterson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

†**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

UMH #196

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAISING GOD THROUGH TITHES + OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"Through The Ages"

by Anna Strickland

†**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"Doxology"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:1-17

SERMON

"There's Room For Every Story"

Rev. Jim Parsons

†**APOSTLES' CREED**

†**HYMN**

"Savior Of The Nations, Come"

UMH #215 (v. 1-2, 5)

†**BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"People. Look East"

UMH #202 (v. 1)

POSTLUDE

"Thanks Be To God"

by Dennis Allen

"Powerful God, deeply and gently break through our lives. We are ready to be used by you to do more than we could ever imagine."

THIS WEEK AT MILFORD HILLS

Sunday, November 27

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 10:00am.....Worship
 11:00am..... Adult/Youth/Children SS

Monday, November 28

10:00am..... Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday, November 29

10:00am..... Knit + Nibble

Wednesday, November 30

7:00amPrayer Breakfast (Hendrix BBQ)
 6:15pm.....Handbells
 7:00pm.....Choir

Thursday, December 1

10:00am CheerGivers

Sunday, December 4

9:00am Adult Sunday School
 10:00am Worship
 11:00amAdult/Youth/Children SS
 2:00pm.....SPRC
 6:00pm.....Youth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Advent Devotionals** | If you’d like a copy of this year’s devotional, called “*Generation to Generation*,” they are now available in the sanctuary. Don’t forget to pick yours up before you leave worship today.
- **Poinsettias** | Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 11. Order forms are available in the sanctuary, office, or Weekly eNews. Please fill out and return along with payment (\$10/each) to the office or in the offering plate. Deadline to order and ensure listing in the upcoming bulletin insert is Wednesday, December 7.
- **Special Sunday** | Today is United Methodist Student Day. Gifts will support scholarships from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to help connect students to their faith.

<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>AVL Team</u>	<u>Children’s Moment</u>
Today: Cynthia Dwiggins	Today: Rob Beecham, Dean Parsons, Jonathan Brentnell	Today: Laura Preslar
12/4: —	12/4: Rob Beecham, Dean Parsons, Jonathan Brentnell	12/4: —

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“Through The Ages”

by Anna Strickland

Oh down through the ages and generations

From God in the garden to Jesus the son

Each story was woven,

Each one has a place

Within the great tapestry

Telling God's grace.

From Abraham, Isaac, and Israel's line

How Rahab and Ruth and

Bathsheba survived

From exile in Egypt to Babylon far

Christ's lineage show how

Complex stories are.

And still through the ages

Our stories will find

Belonging in God's story of humankind

From God in the garden to eternity

We're woven together as one tapestry.