

# Memorial United Methodist Church

November 29, 2020

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## First Sunday of Advent

### Prelude

### Prepare your heart to Worship -

You alone, O Lord, are God. Come down, O God!  
You have done wonderful things in the past. Come down, O God!  
We need you here with us now. Come down, O God! We wait for you.  
We wait with hope.

### Opening Prayer

O God, come to us in our need. Like a shepherd, you care for us. Like a potter, you shape our lives. Faithful God, we are waiting for you. Come down to us. Come down to us as fire, and burn away the bonds that hold us back. Light our spirits with your eternal love. Shape us with your hands, that we may be vessels fit to receive your presence. We are waiting, Holy One. and place our trust in your love. Amen.

### Lighting the First Candle of Advent

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Hymn                      “Change My Heart Oh God”                      Screen

### Prayer of Confession

### Praying together silently

Save us, O God. Save us from indifference and impatience.  
Save us from the distractions of life. Enter our lives and restore the goodness you have planted within. By your saving love, draw us into lives of healing and hope. Heal our brokenness. Shape our lives with your loving hands, that we might reflect your love.  
Come down, O God, and restore us this day. Amen.

Hymn                      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”                      Screen

### Bible Lesson with Grandma

Time of Personal Prayer for the concerns of the Heart.

### Special Music

“Sitting at the feet of Jesus”

### Reading of the Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

### Message

Closing Hymn                      “I Want to Walk As a Child”                      Screen

### Benediction

Postlude                      “Silent Night”

### Dismissal with God’s Blessing

*God calls you into fellowship with Jesus and with one another.  
God is faithful and will strengthen you and give you peace.*

## On-line Worship

Website - [www.spencermemorialumc.org](http://www.spencermemorialumc.org)

On Facebook - Memorial UMC - Spencer

On- Youtube - MEMUMC

The Sunday Morning Service will be uploaded that Sunday afternoon.

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### Joys:

Living testimonies to the saving grace of God

### Concerns:

Susie DeWolfe	Nina Meca	Frances Lowe		
Clara Wyatt	Rodney Summers	Beverly Patton		
Arietia Halcomb	Suzann Cheek	Carol Moore		
Jennifer Gande-Barker	Lisa Woolweaver	Steve Hughes		
Cindy Sawyer	Ronald Brown			
Charles Peal	Jenny Lewis			
Unspoken Prayers	The Unchurched of our Community			
Those affected by the recent natural disasters				
Families suffering the loss of loved ones				
Those suffering from Coronavirus and those working on a cure				
To add a concern to the Prayer list - please complete a Prayer card and place it in the Offering Plate.				

24 Hour Prayer Line 1-888-388-2683

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**Reader:** If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence." So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

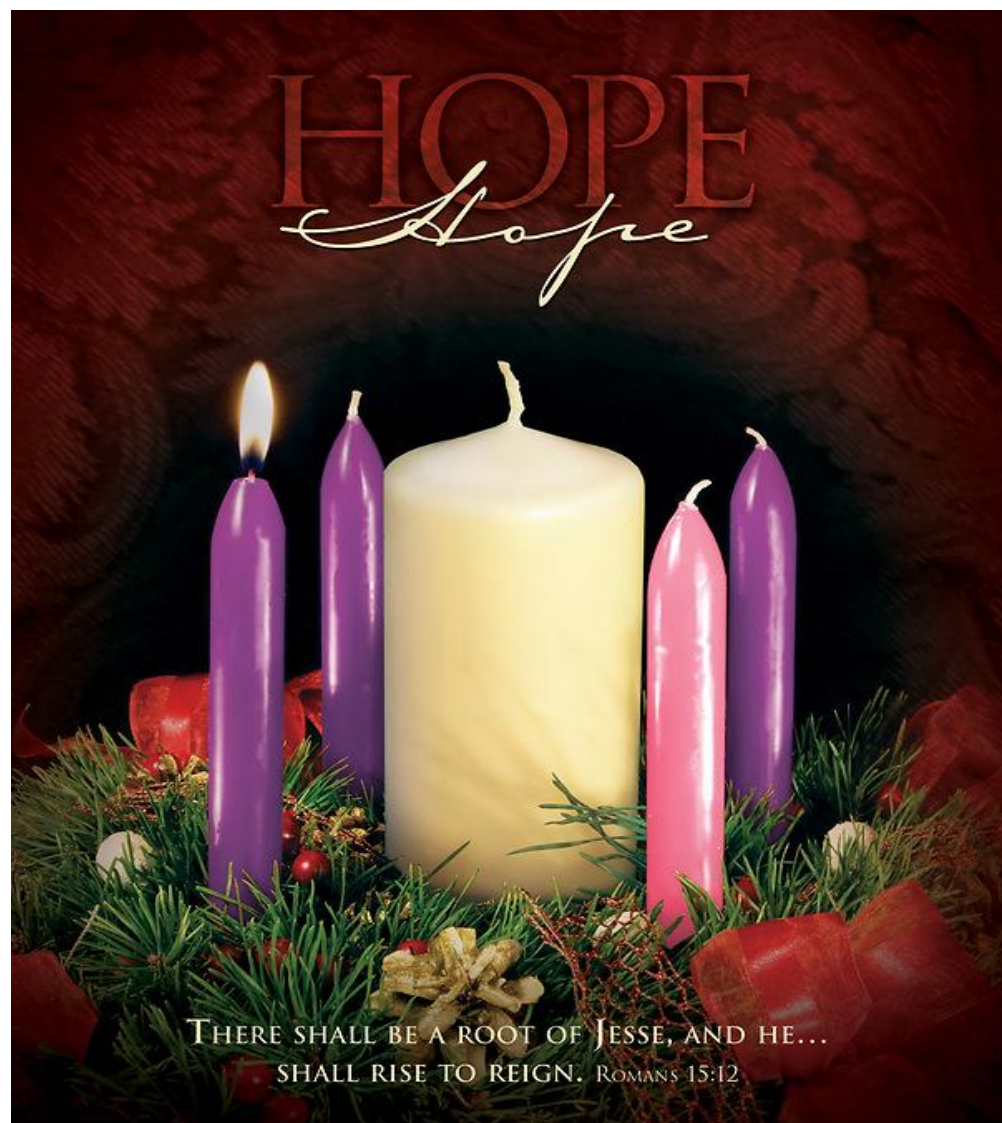
**Your Tithes and Offering can be placed in the plate in the Sanctuary during any song or as you enter or leave the Service.**

## Re-Launch Church

**The following conditions will be in effect until further notice:**

- 1- Entry is through Sanctuary door **ONLY**.\*
- 2- Seating is limited to 6ft. distances unless you are in a family unit and come together.
- 3- NO close contact greetings, hugs or handshakes.
- 4- Singing is NOT permitted due to possibility of virus spread.
- 5- Bibles, Hymnals and Bulletins **will not** be in the pews. Instead, we will have a system in place to display text and music electronically. You May Bring your personal Bible with you.
- 6- **Use of facial Masks is now required.** Masks will be provided if you don't have your own.
- 7- **If you are feeling ill - stay home so as to not spread any illness you may have.**

**\*If mobility issues require use of the chairlift, please advise the Greeter of your need and arrangements will be made to assist you.**



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