

# Memorial United Methodist Church

November 27, 2022  
First Sunday of Advent

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship -

Come, let's go together to God's mountain—

**a mountain of God's glory and peace.**

Let's prepare for Christ's arrival—

**the birth of the prince of peace.**

Come, let's worship the Spirit of love.

**Clothed in Christ's love, we are ready to worship and pray.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" **UMH 211**

### Lighting of the First Advent Candle – Hope

*Reader: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)*

**We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family.**

*It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.*

***"Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).***

*We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.*

### Opening Prayer

Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw near to you. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence, and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. In joyful hope, we pray. Amen.

Hymn "People Look East" **UMH 202**

### Prayer of Confession

Praying together

Even when we're tired, Lord, we long to awake to your presence. Even when we're distracted, we yearn to be held spellbound by your power. Even when we're lost and wander away from you, we hope to rest safely in the arms of your grace. Wake us from sleep, O God; reveal your love and mercy, and grant us the peace of your redemption. In humble gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Hymn "View the Present through the Promise" **TFWS3048**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offering

### Bible Lesson with Grandma

Time of Personal Prayer for the concerns of the Heart.

Special Music "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

### Reading of the Psalm

### Message

**\*Hymn** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" **UMH 569**

### Benediction

### Dismissal with God's Blessing

**\* Please Stand if you are Able**

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**Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.**  
*John Wesley*

**Concerns:**

Nina Meca	Gene May	Beverly Patton
Carol Moore	Joe Heilman	Cindy Sawyer
Jensen Webb	Tallman family	Kevin Starcher
Larry Truman	Christie Springston	Holly

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 or slip of paper and place it in the Offering Plate.

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*24 Hour Prayer Line 1-888-388-2683*

*A Place to Pray*

For those times when you need a quiet place to bring your concerns to God and let Him guide you, we have a Prayer Chapel at the back of the Sanctuary. It is available anytime the church is open or by contacting the Pastor.

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**On-line/ At Home Worship**

Website - [www.spencermemorialumc.org](http://www.spencermemorialumc.org)  
 On FaceBook - Memorial UMC - Spencer  
 On- Youtube - MEMUMC Spencer

The Sunday Morning Service will be uploaded that Sunday afternoon. If you missed a Worship Service and want a DVD, contact Phil and let him know which week you want, we have a DVD file of the services.

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***IN GOD'S LOVE, WE FIND REST. IN CHRIST'S GRACE, WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS. IN THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE, WE KNOW PEACE. THANKS BE TO GOD.***



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