

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Gracious God, you are the Giver of every good gift. Receive what we bring in gratitude and faith. Use our offerings to awaken hope where there is despair, light where there is shadow, and peace where there is strife. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed* UMH #203

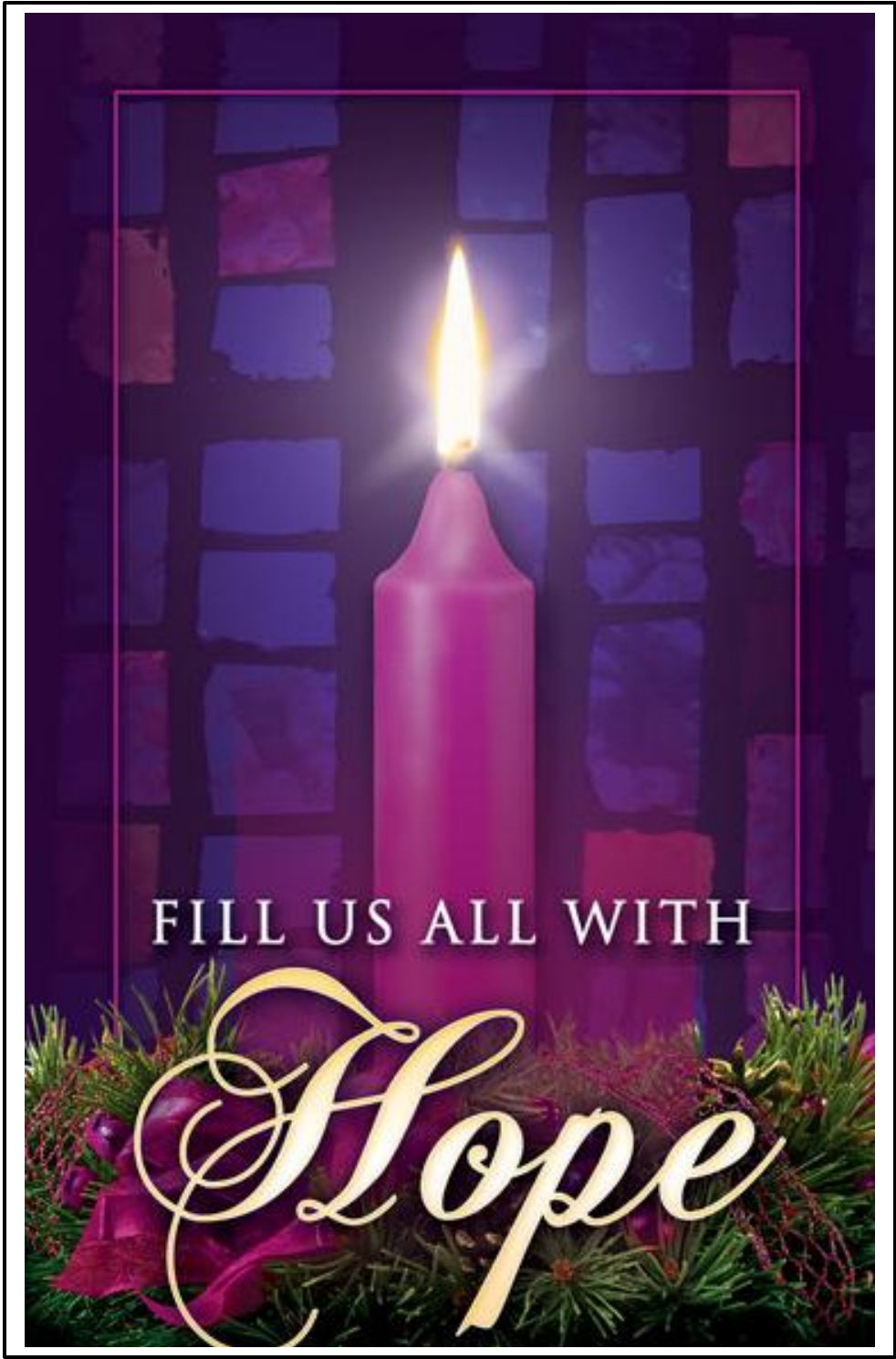
*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH
Go forth as people of hope, awake, alert, and ready to see the signs of God’s kingdom all around. And may the God who journeys with us bless you with light for your path, peace in your heart, and courage in your waiting. **Amen.**

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *A Joyous Noel*
by David Paston

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st SUNDAY of ADVENT ~ HOPE

YOUTH SUNDAY

10 a.m.

November 30, 2025

PRELUDE

Advent Star
by Edward Broughton

INTROIT

This is My Wish
by Tim and Angela Lauer / arr. David Huntsinger

CUMC Adult Choir
Previously Recorded

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As neighbors and friends, let's share our love in the Spirit with signs of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, we begin again, the journey of Advent.

All: We wait for the day that all the earth awaits.

One: We pause to breathe, to listen, to open our hearts to the signs of God's coming.

All: We wait for the day that all the earth awaits.

One: The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us keep watch and be ready.

All: Come, Lord Jesus! We are watching and waiting in hope.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & MEDITATION

First Reader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4).

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

Second Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess that we are not good at waiting. We rush through our days, anxious for results, restless for answers. Forgive us when our impatience blinds us to Your quiet work in our midst. Forgive us for clinging to possessions, pride, or control, instead of trusting the One who holds all things in love. Wake us from our sleep and clothe us with the light of Christ, that we may live as children of hope and signs of Your kingdom. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: The dawn from on high breaks upon us. God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to walk in the light of peace. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Living Awake in a Sleeping World"

Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As we wait for the coming of Christ, we remember that waiting is not passive. It is an act of faith, a giving of ourselves to God's work in the world. Let us offer our gifts as signs of our hope and our trust in God's promise.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Dancing into the Promise
by Mary Kay Beall & John Carter

CUMC Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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