***OFFERING PRAYER** Dr. Katelyn Brackney

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE READING Dr. Katelyn Brackney
Mark 13:24-37 | Page #50 NT

CHORAL RESPONSE: *O fill us with your word, O Lord that we may know your grace and love. O fill us with your word that we may grow in understanding.*

MESSAGE "Keep Awake" Dr. Katelyn Brackney

SENDING HYMN "Soon and Very Soon" #218

#BENEDICTION Dr. Katelyn Brackney

POSTLUDE "Advent Overture" *from Cantata No. 147 by J.S. Bach*
Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Danny Reeves, Dave Howland and Chancel Choir
TECHNICIAN: Sabrina Rosenstock **LITURGIST:** Dave Milligan
GREETERS: Cindy and Jim Lyon

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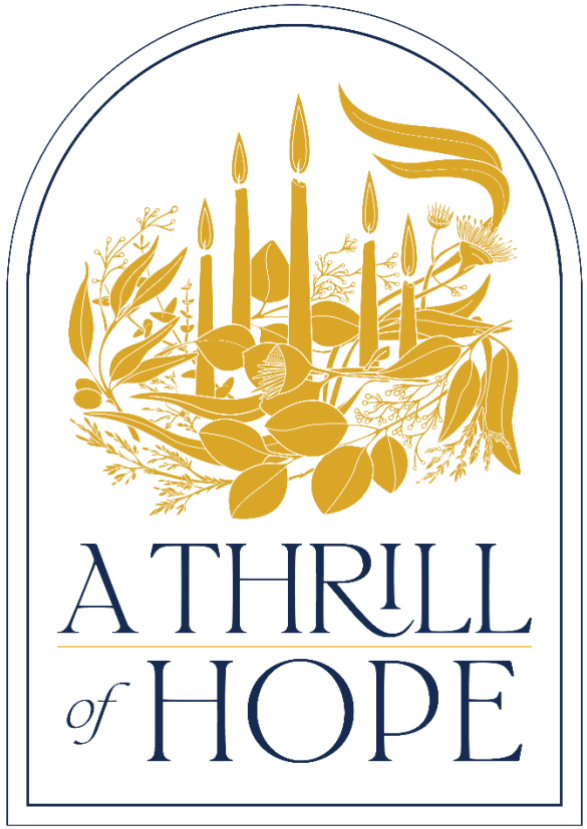

NOVEMBER 29, 2026
1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE "Of the Father's Love Begotten" *arr. by Wilbur Held*
Dave Howland

WELCOME Dr. Katelyn Brackney

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT
Oh Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright? Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!

**Stand in body or spirit*
CALL TO WORSHIP Dave Milligan

One: Come, listen.
All: A thrill of hope is calling.
One: Come, rejoice.
All: A weary world is healing.
One: Come, watch.
All: A bright star is shining.
One: Come, worship.
All: The Messiah is coming.

***GATHERING HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #92

***INVOCATION (in unison)** Dave Milligan
(adapted from the Affirmation of Hope by Illustrated Ministries, A Thrill of Hope Series)

One: Clinging to God's promises, let us affirm the hope that is in our hearts:

All: God who creates, who shows up in clouds, stars, and budding trees, who named all things good, and whose grace appears in the wonders of nature, life, growth, diversity, dependance, and even decay, be with us and draw our attention to your creative work among us. God who sustains, for whose promises we wait, trusting that good will prevail over evil, that what is broken will be restored, draw our attention to the Christ, who is transforming the world, even now. God of surprises, we believe the Spirit is moving in our midst, may we be witnesses to the inbreaking of mercy and justice, to unexpected grace, and may we answer the call to keep awake to the Spirit's renewing work in the world. May we live with faith, trusting that the thrill of hope persists.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*using Debts and Debtors*)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING / HOPE **READERS:** The Milligan Family
(See insert)

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "**When God Is a Child" #109 v. 1

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 | Page #540 OT Dave Milligan

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" *by Michael Larkin* Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Dr. Katelyn Brackney

CHORAL AMEN

CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING Dr. Katelyn Brackney

OFFERTORY "Canticle of the Turning" #88

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***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

**As we sing, we invite you to use whatever names and pronouns for God that are most meaningful to you.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen