

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Special Music: Olivia Noronha
Greeter: Sylvia Illuzzi
Usher: Bill White
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

John Renshaw (LT); Norma Saulsbury (H); Sandra Greer (H); McFarlan Family (L); Sam (H); Janet Canavan (LT); Linda Lyons (H); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Donna McCormick (H); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex

Chester Bethel UMC
and
Mt. Lebanon UMC

Nov. 29, 2026 11:00 AM



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Announcements

- Mark your calendars for Dec 5 when we will decorate the church Christmas Tree at 9 am.
- We need Advent Readers to read short passages each week of Advent—please volunteer and either sign up in the Narthex or email the office, please! We will confirm your date and give you the reading in advance. Thank you!
- If you'd like to serve as a character in the Live Nativity (Dec 23 and 24, 6 PM), please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Dates To Remember

November 29 – Fifth Sunday joint worship and fellowship at Chester Bethel—11 am! Potluck to follow.

December 5 – Decorate church Christmas Tree at 9 am

November 29, 2026 11 AM
1st Sunday of Advent
Joint Worship with Mt. Lebanon UMC

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 64:1-9)

Leader: O God, when you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down to us; the mountains quaked at your presence.

People: **Oh that you would tear open the heavens and come down to save us again!**

Leader: From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

People: **You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.**

Leader: There are times that you hide yourself from our sin, and others when you return to us despite our sin.

People: **Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.**

Leader: As you did for your chosen people of old, do for us as well: do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD – and do not remember iniquity forever!

All: **Now consider, we are all your people!**

*OPENING HYMN – "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
UMH #196

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who is and who was and is coming, you have promised a new reality is on the way – a reality in which all life flourishes as you created it to do. In the birth of Jesus, you have proven your faithfulness and your will to be with us. As we await your arrival once again this Christmas, may your Spirit move us

to fully entrust ourselves to you as we learn to trust your commitment to us and to the world. Amen.[1]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE- readers Yvonne and Stan Kaciuban

MUSICAL RESPONSE – "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" v. 1 only UMH #211

HYMN-SING

Carmella Lynch, our organist, has put favorite hymn titles on folded slips in a basket. We'll draw a slip and sing the hymn that is chosen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming and eager to pray. Let us hear your Word and rejoice at what your Spirit reveals about the promised Messiah. Amen.[2]

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 80
NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 13:24-37

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THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ's hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CLOSING HYMN – "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH #203

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Rising in body or in spirit*

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Thank you!

[1] Adapted from original in *Leader Guide - Voices of Advent* by Matthew L. Skinner, p. 14.
[2]Adapted from original written by Fr. Rick Morley: https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/toda-la-tierra-espera/first-sunday-of-advent-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/first-sunday-of-advent-year-a-liturgical-resources.