



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF WESTPORT AND WESTON  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Our Vision is to Know, to Live  
and to Share the Love of Jesus Christ.*

SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP – 10:00AM

*“Make Ready a People: #morehope”*

PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

15th Cen. French

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is in the holy temple; let all the earth be silent. (Habakkuk 2:20)  
**Be silent in the presence of the Lord God, for the Day of the Lord is near.**

Indeed, the Lord has prepared a sacrifice;

**God has blessed those who gather in the house of the Lord.**

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls...

**...yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. The Lord is my strength; the Lord makes me surefooted like a deer, able to tread on the heights.** (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

**Let us rejoice in the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*  
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OPENING PRAYER & ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,  
**light within us your flame of HOPE this day.**

Grant us openness to hear your message.

**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,  
creating more HOPE in the midst of fear.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

“HOPE”

Pastor Heather

*Children are welcome to remain in Worship. There are children’s bulletins and coloring pages in the narthex.*

*The Nursery is open and staffed for children under age five.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## OFFERING OUR PRAYERS &amp; GIFTS

*Through our baptism and membership in the church, we covenant to give of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Financial gifts, tithes and offerings support the mission and ministries of this congregation and the connectional church. Online giving is available at WestportUMC.org.*

*Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates to be lifted up during the Prayers of the People and/or added to the weekly Prayer List.*

## MUSIC OFFERING

*Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

Arr. Sally DeFord

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John Collinge, piano

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(You are invited to pray in the version and language of your heart.)*

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

R. Prichard

**WELCOME!** It is a blessing to welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting, please sign the guestbook, introduce yourself to Pastor Heather, an usher or greeter, and check out WestportUMC.org to find out more about the mission and ministries of this community of faith. **ALL ARE INVITED** to Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

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