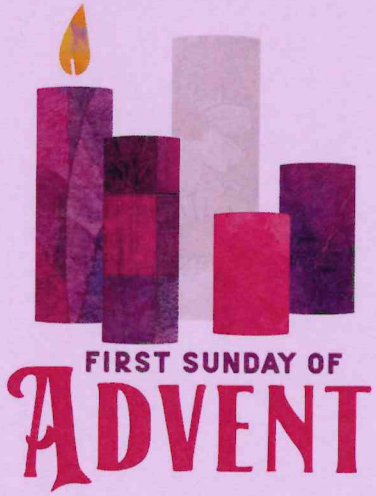
Faith Global Methodist Church
1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026



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FAITH GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hanover, Pastor
November 29, 2026 1st Sunday of Advent

ADVENT HYMN "Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes" (v.1) #170

ANNOUNCEMENTS ***indicates the congregation may stand.**

PRELUDE "A Christmas Hymn" Diane & Amber Gobbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE
L: We wait in anticipation for the coming of Christ this Advent season. People of God, prepare your hearts to receive him. Keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.
P: Be alert, stay awake. For no one knows the day or the hour when Christ will return.
L: In those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
P: Be alert, stay awake. For no one knows the day or the hour when Christ will return.
L: Then we will see him coming in the clouds with great power and glory. Be alert, stay awake. For no one knows the day or the hour when Christ will return. He will send out the angels, and gather his people from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
P: Be alert, stay awake. For no one knows the day or the hour when Christ will return.
L: Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
P: Be alert, stay awake. For no one knows the day or the hour when Christ will return.
L: Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the Lord will come, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. I say to all: Keep awake.
P: Be alert, stay awake. For no one knows the day or the hour when Christ will return.

*OPENING HYMN ***"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*** ***#165***

OPENING PRAYER **(In Unison)**
God of the ages, your saints who lived in faithful service surround your throne and offer you praise and worship both night and day. May we, your saints on

earth, join our voices with theirs to proclaim your rule of righteousness and peace, which comes to us through Jesus Christ now and forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Pg. 166
Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!
People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Susan Burkett

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER #700

CHOIR ANTHEM "Jesus Name of All Names"

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #682

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (Offering plates available in the Narthex)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER **(In Unison)**
God of Hope, in this season of waiting, we offer ourselves to you. As we bring these gifts, help us stay watchful and ready, opening our hearts to the quiet ways your love breaks into our lives. In joyful expectation, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #168

MESSAGE LESSON Luke 2:8-20 Pg. 58
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE "The Shepherds-The Invited" (***Christmas Characters*** **series)**
Challenge: Invite someone into Christmas

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD The Apostles' Creed **(In Unison)**

*GLORIA PATRI ***Glory Be to the Father*** **#33**

*CLOSING HYMN **"The First Noel"** #188

BLESSING OF BREAKFAST BAGS

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you from all sin.

People: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

Pastor: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us for ever.

*POSTLUDE

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM

Sunday, Nov. 29th	8:00 AM	1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Fellowship Hour Social Hall
	10:30 AM	1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service
Monday, Nov. 30th		
Tuesday, Dec. 1st	6:00	Men's Group
Wednesday, Dec. 2nd	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday, Dec. 3rd		
Friday, Dec. 4th		
Saturday Dec. 5th	9:30 AM 5-9:00 PM	Prayer Group Pilgrimage
Sunday, Dec. 6th	8:00 AM	2nd Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Fellowship Hour Social Hall
	10:30AM	2nd Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	5-8:00 PM	Pilgrimage

FGMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 11.29.26

*** The Flowers on the Altar are given in loving memory of Ann Popovich ***
**OUR MEMBER TO REMEMBER Judy Magill

You can still donate to our MISSION OPPORTUNITY to help sustain the only Global Methodist Church in Croatia, our missions partner.

Our **PRAYER MINISTRY** continues to meet the first Saturday morning of every month from 9:30 to 10:30.

Our Men's Group, the **FAITH WARRIORS** continue to meet weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

The **Tabitha Circle** is accepting clean, undamaged items to sell at its Pilgrimage Table.

Pilgrimage- There are sign up sheet on the Action Table. There are a lot of different opportunities to help that weekend.

The Tabitha Circle will be selling Christmas cookies again this year for $10.00 a dozen. There are 6 different options or a an assortment. Order forms are on the Action Table. Orders are due by December 6th.

Please consider helping Pastor Jonathan serve bread and wine by intinction in front of the altar during Holy Communion. Contact the office if interested.

We also welcome additional volunteers to serve as Communion Stewards at either the 8am or 10:30 am services. Contact the office if interested.

There is a sign up sheet on the Action Table for the Christmas Volunteer luncheon scheduled for December 8th at 12:00

Prayer List – Faith GMC

Prayer requests to mention week of November 29th

1. Barb- fell
2. Dave Deal- fighting lung cancer
3. Baby Rowan- developed an infection from surgery
4. Christian Sympathies for the Kosmatine family on the death of Cliff's brother Tom
5. Christian Sympathies for the Greene family on the passing of Dave
6. Christian Sympathies for the Wilby family on the passing of Loni

Prayer requests to mention week of November 22nd

1. Christian Sympathies for the Warren Ashton family. Bob and Sylvia Babb's brother in law
2. Avianna- 11 years old- needs MRI to check heart reconstruction
3. Joel- still waiting on test results
4. Donna- diagnosed with ovarian cancer
5. Dan and Kathy Morris- health problems
6. Mike Giannattasio- health problems
7. Connie Schrag- sister passed away
8. Bonnie Kocon- having tests
9. McCusker Family- sudden death of granddaughter
10. Bill Graham- heart procedure

Continued prayers for:

Dick Berlin, Pat Bush, Nick Coppage, Joan Nellis, The White Family, Michael Scoletti, Bill & Mary Weyel, Julie Kovacs, Joey Kasunic, Shirley Fabrizi, Stephanie Taczak, Fred Roach, Bob Zacharias, Straw Soffronoff, Beth Tyson, Pam Scalf, Martha, Karen, John Womer, Linda, Dennis & Gerrilynn Butterfield, Louise Gladkowski, Tracey Albert, Judy Magill, Jeff Retter, Beth Muri, Karen Klanica, Alice Burkhart, Sharon Bronson, John & Polly Negich, Theresa Elvin, April, Luci and Tom, Melissa Stauffer, Tony DiNizo, Martin Lashen, Matt, Stacy and Jonathan

We are blessed to have the following volunteers to help with today's service.:

A/V Coordinators- Colton & Melissa Kalmar
Video/Digital Production- Sam & Lisa Popovich

8:00 AM
Worship Leader- Barb Hilty
Pianist- Alyssa Wells
Hymn Leader- Colton Kalmar
Acolyte- Wesley Hanover
Greeters- Joy Spang

10:30 AM
Worship Leader – Lynn Pyle
Pianist- Holly Kwaczala
Organist- Wendy Kelly
Hymn Leader- Colton Kalmar
Acolyte- Nick Popovich
Greeters- Linda Kunkle

In-person attendance week ending 11/22/2026 = 223
Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 11/22/2026
OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!
2026 Annual Operating Budget: $355,556.71

NEED EACH WEEK	$ 6,837.63	RECEIVED 11/22/2026	$7,274.00
NEED TO DATE	$ 314,740.98	RECEIVED TO DATE	$404,364.24

(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS + $89,623.26

CAMPERSHIP GOAL 7/1/2026-6/30/2027:	$ 10,000.00	
Balance as of November 23, 2026	$ 8,780.00	
CROATIA GOAL 01/01/2026-12/31/2026:	$ 2,500.00	donation made in September for $8,574.00
Received as of November 23, 2026	$1,270.00	