"MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS"
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE
NOVEMBER 29, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Preparing for Worship: The Advent season reminds us that we live between the promise of Christ's coming and the fulfillment of God's kingdom. We remember Jesus who came to Bethlehem, we welcome Christ into our lives today, and we look forward with hope to the day when He comes again.

Prelude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Opening Hymn # 176 "Come, Thou Long – Expected Jesus"** *HYFRYDOL*

***Opening Prayer**

Song of Faith # 511 **"The Solid Rock"** *SOLID ROCK*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: ***THE CANDLE OF HOPE***

LEADER: God has promised a day when nations will learn the way of love, when swords will become plowshares and weapons will become instruments of productivity, learning, and thriving.

PEOPLE: We make room for hope, trusting in God's promise of all things made new.

LEADER: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. He came to dwell among us, walks beside us today, teach us to love, and promises to come again.

PEOPLE: We make room for hope, because Jesus Christ is the Hope of the world.

LEADER: Scripture calls us to wake from our sleep, put aside the darkness, and clothe ourselves with the light of Christ.

PEOPLE: We make room for hope, choosing to walk in God's light and live as children of the Way of Love.

LEADER: The darkness will not overcome the light, fear will not overcome faith, and despair will not overcome God's promises.

PEOPLE: We make room for hope! We will stay awake, follow Jesus, and share His hope with the world!

Candle Song # 175 **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** *VENI EMMANUEL*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Andrew Carpenter

The First Reading **Isaiah 64:1-9**

The Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** **Mark 13:24-37**

***Responsorial #** **"Light of the World"** **Worship Team**

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Kids Preschool–3rd Grade go to Children's Church)

Announcements, Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations, Offertory and *Doxology

***A Prayer of Illumination and The Message** **"Make Room for Jesus"**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship

***Hymn (Stand) # 5** **"How Great Is Our God"** *HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD*

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

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HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD –** Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD –** Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY -** Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God, and we love People, by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.

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