

Order of Worship

Fourth Week of Advent

December 21, 2025 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude	Ukrainian Bell Carol Chapel Bells	arr. Linda Scholes
Welcome		Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam
Anthem	Hope for Resolution Combined Choirs Josh Saville, flute and soprano sax	arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

Greeting & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Year after year we light Advent candles
in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

People: We wait and watch for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Leader: As we light the fourth candle, the candle of love, we remember the words of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

People: God of Promise, come into our darkness,
renew your hope, peace, joy, and love in us,
for we are your beloved children.

Leader: Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

People: Our hearts trust in you, and we are helped.
Our hearts leap for joy and we give thanks to you in song.

All: We wait. We watch. Come, Lord Jesus!

Prayer of Confession

People: Lord God, we confess that we are not ready for Christmas.
We may be ready with the gifts and the meals.

but our hearts and minds are still a million miles away.
We have been distracted, we have been careless and
we have come full tilt into the season, forgetting whose birthday it truly is.
Forgive us O Lord; forgive us.
Still our hearts and our minds and prepare us for this time.
May this time of worship be our Christmas preparation
and may it be a precious gift to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: The Prince of Peace comes to redeem all things.
Know that you are forgiven and have the courage and grace
to forgive one another and be at peace.
People: Amen.

Anthem**Will You Be Ready?**

Mark Patterson

Children's Choir

Children's Message**Lessons and Carols****Anthem****Rejoice, Emmanuel**

William Schoenfeld

Chancel Choir and Handbell Ensemble

Reading**John 1:1-5**

Rev. Rodrigo Dacri Lima

Carol**The People Who Walked in Darkness****Reading****Isaiah 7:13-14, 11:1-9**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Anthem**The Lamb**

Bryan Greer

Chancel Choir

Reading**Luke 1:26-38****Carol****My Soul Gives Glory to My God****Reading****Luke 2:1-7**

Anthem	The First Noel Chancel Ringers	Traditional/Pachelbel arr. Brenda Austin
Reading	Luke 2:8-14	
Anthem	Today the Virgin Chancel Choir	John Tavener
Reading	John 3:16-17 The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Rev. Hopkins
Anthem	Hope Will Not Fail Chancel Choir and Praise Band	David BJORLIN and Mark Miller
Morning Prayer		Rev. Furtado-Gilliam
Offering	You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC. You may go to the Online Worship page of our website and click "Make your online offering."	
Holy Communion	<i>In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive communion.</i>	Rev. Lima
<p><i>The Great Thanksgiving prayer is offered, concluding with:</i></p> <p>All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.</p> <p>Amen.</p> <p>And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as our Lord taught us:</p> <p>Our Father who art in heaven,</p> <p>hallowed be thy name,</p> <p>thy kingdom come,</p> <p>thy will be done,</p> <p>on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p>Give us this day our daily bread</p> <p>and forgive us our trespasses</p> <p>as we forgive those who trespass against us.</p> <p>And lead us not into temptation</p>		

**but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Communion Anthem

I Wonder As I Wander

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Chapel Bells

Sending Forth

Rev. Lima

***Hymn**

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

***Benediction**

Rev. Hopkins

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