

# *First Sunday of Advent*

## *November 30, 2025*

### Hymn Sing

### Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

#### Call to Worship: (Based on Romans 5)

Leader: In this season of Advent, we come with hearts waiting for God's promised hope.

**People: We come standing in the grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

L: Though we face trouble and uncertainty, we trust in the One who turns suffering into endurance, endurance into character, and character into hope.

**P: And this hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.**

L: Today we lift our eyes to the light of Christ— the hope who has come, the hope who is coming again.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus. Renew our hope and make us ready to receive You. Amen!**

### Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Page 196

#### Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle (Prophet's Candle- Hope)

Leader: Today we begin the season of Advent, a time of waiting, watching, and hoping for God's promised Savior.

**People: We wait in hope for the Lord, whose love is steadfast and whose promises never fail.**

Leader: In a world filled with uncertainty, God invites us to trust in a hope that is steady and sure.

**P: Our hope is not in what we can see, but in the One who is faithful from generation to generation.**

L: As we light the first candle, the Candle of Hope, we remember that Christ is our anchor— the One who brings light into our darkness, and peace into our waiting hearts.

**P Come, Lord Jesus. Shine Your hope in us, through us, and around us. Make us people who carry Your light into the world. (Light the Candle of Hope.)**

L: This is the light of hope— a sign that God is with us, God is for us, and God will never let us go.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

#### Prayer of Confession

L: Gracious God, in this season of waiting, we confess how easily we lose hope.

**P: We grow impatient in our struggles, discouraged by our failures, and distracted by the worries of this world.**

L: You call us to trust in Your promises,

**P: yet we cling to what we can see.**

L: You invite us to watch for Your light,

**P: yet we let the shadows of fear and doubt settle in our hearts.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

L: Restore our hope in You—hope that does not disappoint,

**P: hope rooted in Your love poured out through Christ, hope that steadies us in every season.**

**ALL: Come to us again, O God. Shine Your light into our waiting, and make us people of hope. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: Our God is a God of promise, a God who meets us in our waiting, and a God whose mercy is new every morning. Because Christ has come, because Christ is risen, and because Christ will come again, we can trust that God's grace is already at work in us. Friends, hear and believe the hopeful truth of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. You are made new. You are held in a hope that will not disappoint.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### Offering

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\*Hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Page 462

Scripture Romans 5:1-8. Hebrews 6: 13-20 Matthew 24: 36-44

Sermon: *The Hope that Doesn't Disappoint*

#### Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "My Hope is Built" Page 368

#### Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: *Debbie Gannett*

10:00 am: *Alice Murphy*

Coffee Hour

*Sharlene Moran*

*Frances Kienzle*

*Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday. If this is your first time with us, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.*

## ***Church Happenings***

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

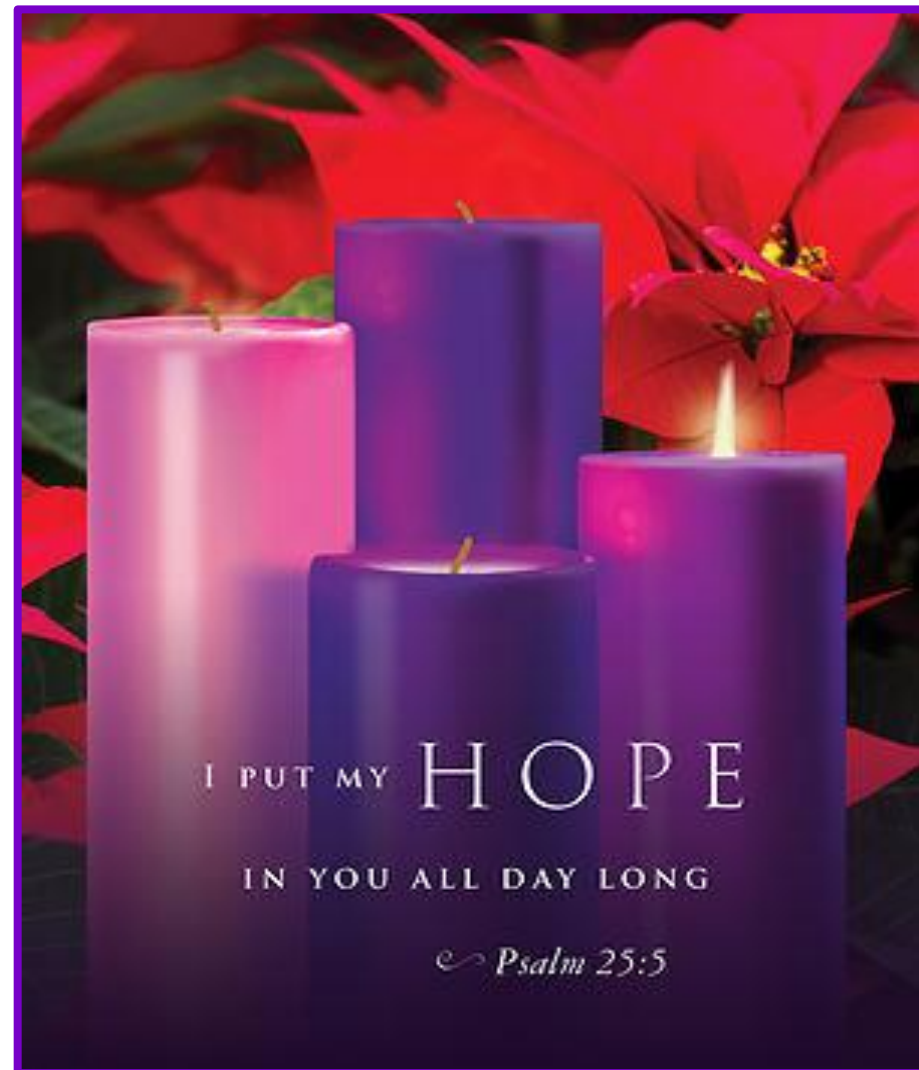
Hanging of the Greens will be held today at 5:30 pm: All are welcome.

Pastor John and Mary Beth will be holding Advent Study sessions on December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 6:30 pm till 7:45 pm. Please join them!

On Tuesday, December 9 at 7 pm the Osterville Village Library Big Band will be holding a Concert here.

On Saturday and Sunday December 13 and 14 there will be Christmas Concerts presented here by Cape Cod Chorale at 4 pm. Tickets are available in the office.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services are at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Bring your families and friends. All are Welcome!



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