FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Cry Out

Until the Dawn
ACTIONS FOR THE WORK OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 | Community UMC – Elm Grove, Wisconsin | cumceg.org/advent

Children and families are welcome in the Grace Space at the front during worship.

Children are called forward for Young Disciples Time, then head to Children's Chapel. Children 3 and under are escorted to the Nursery.

*Indicates to please stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large-print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.

Please join us for fellowship, coffee, and snacks in the Revelation Room.

Gathering Music *Veni, Emmanuel* Flor Peeters

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

In God's house,
we are free to wear our hearts on our sleeves.
In God's house,
we may come exactly as we are.
In God's house,
we dare to hope. We dream new dreams. We cry out. We call upon God.
In God's house,
all are welcome and all are heard.
So come and worship.
God is here. God is listening.

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH #196

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent
The Candle of Hope

When the nights are long and the roads are hard,
we turn our eyes to the stars.
When the work is demanding and injustice unending,
we stand together, arm in arm.
When fear looms large and grief weighs heavy,
we cry out to God without holding back.
And when the dawn of tomorrow feels far away,
we gather together to light the candle of hope.

Sung Response *Sung to the melody of "Away in a Manger"*

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
Joseph Krechel

Special Music *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Lloyd Larson
CUMC Community Choir

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up and ev'ry mountain made low."

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
All people shall see it together.
The mouth of the Lord has spoken it:
"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed!"

Comfort, comfort my people;
Proclaim the promise of the Lord:
His name shall be called Emmanuel.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64: 1-9
Pastor Tim O'Brien

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Young Disciples

Message Until the Dawn … Cry Out

***Hymn** *Restore Us, God* See Next Page

Prayers of the People
Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *Wait for the Lord* W&S #3049
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Ministry Moment

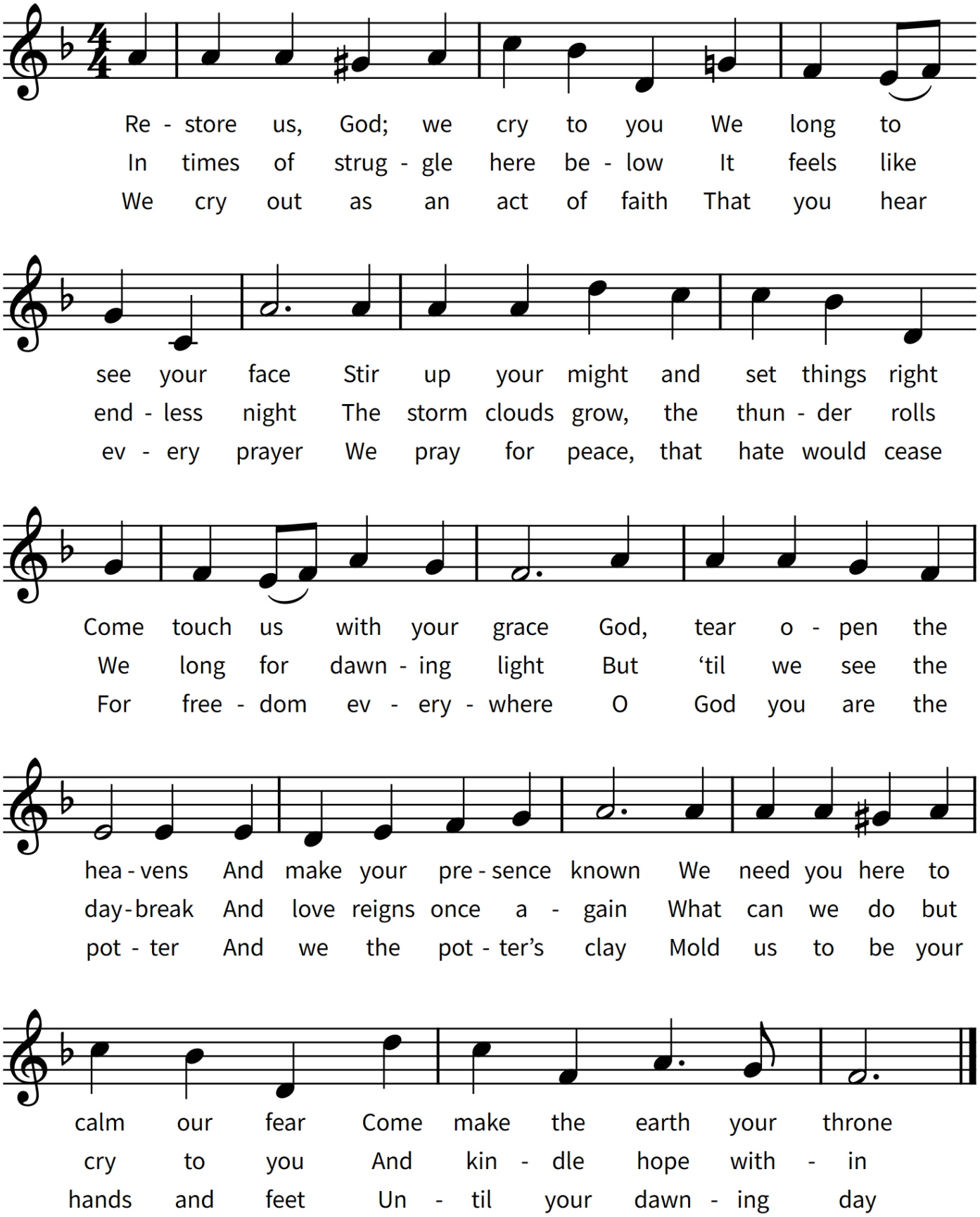
Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* arr. John Carter

Restore Us, God

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6 D (“O Little Town of Bethlehem”)

Words: Anna Strickland (2026) Music: Lewis H. Redner (1868)



***Offering Response** *Prepare the Way of the Lord* UMH #207

Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God. [Repeat]

***Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful God, you hear the cry of all those who wait in the dark. We bring you these gifts as a sign that we believe the dawn is coming. Receive what we have offered, and let it be light in the lives of others. Where there is fear, let our giving bring hope. Where there is injustice, let it draw justice nearer. Where there is suffering, let it carry compassion to the door. Restore us, O God, and make us a people who keep watch with joy, trusting that you who began this good work will bring it to completion. In the name of Jesus, our Light and our Morning Star. Amen.

***Hymn** *People, Look East* UMH #202

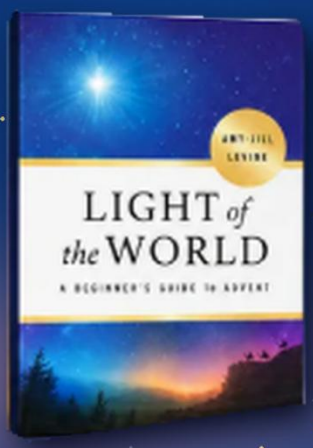
***Blessing & Sending Forth**

As you leave this place,
We go to speak the truth in love,
may you hold fast to courage, and be quick to joy,
We go to listen for the angels and build each other up,
until we reach God's promised day— when the lion will lie down with the lamb and the sun will rise over all of us.
That is what we move toward. That is what we dream of.
So look toward the horizon, and go with hope. Go in peace. Amen
Amen.

***Blessing Response:** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH #211

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Postlude** *Chorale Partita: From Heaven Above* Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow



STARTS TODAY PASTOR TIM'S ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Light of the World

A Beginner's Guide to Advent

by Amy-Jill Levine

Explore the Jewish roots of Jesus' birth with Pastor Tim.
Bring your questions and curiosity. Everyone is welcome.

Four Sundays after worship

November 29 • December 6, 13 & 20, 2026

Books in the office workroom • Suggested contribution $20

• ALL ABOARD! •

Polar Express Night

Saturday, December 12 • 6 p.m.

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Kids of all ages are welcome!

- Wear your pajamas. Bring a blanket and pillow.
- Enjoy popcorn, hot chocolate, and crafts.
- Watch *The Polar Express* on the big screen!

Until the Dawn

Create & Reflect • Advent Art Classes

Mondays at 6 p.m. • December 7, 14 & 21, 2026

Begin with a brief devotional, then create together.



Dec. 7 • Prayer Bowl

Cry Out • Psalm 80:1–7



Dec. 14 • Angel Lantern

Angels Sing • Luke 2:1–20



Dec. 21 • Mosaic Star

Choose Joy • Matthew 2:1–12

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All ages welcome. No art experience needed. Materials provided.
Reservations requested but optional.

Mission Gift Festival

IS COMING!

Sunday, December 6 • 9:30 a.m. worship



HOW TO SHOP

1. Meet the partners
After worship, visit the Revelation Room.

2. Choose your gift
Give any amount to any partner. Bring your list to checkout.

3. Honor someone
Pick up a card and gift note to share with your loved one.

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ZENTANGLE MINISTRY

Wednesday, December 9
9:30–11:30 a.m.

Join our Zentangle community for a festive morning of creativity and relaxation.

Class recording available upon request.

Limited seating. RSVP to Kim.
kimturmelczt@gmail.com

Free for our Community UMC family
$10 for the public



NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

TOY DRIVE

December 7–13

Donate a new, unwrapped toy valued at $20–$25 for children ages 1–12.

Collection Tables

Lower Middle Wellness/Youth Room
Decorated bin in the Narthex

Sponsored by the Girls on Friday small group



The Longest Night

A space for every heart

Thursday, December 3 • 6:00 p.m.

Take a breath and settle in for a quiet candlelight service with reflective music, prayer, and space to pause.

Come on your own or bring someone you love. However you're feeling this season, there's a place for you here.

Waukesha Choral Union presents

The Joys of Christmas

Friday, December 11 • 7:30 p.m.
at Community UMC

Holiday market before the concert

POP-UP BOX OFFICE | TODAY | After worship Revelation Room

Monday – November 30th
- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – December 1st
- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- UWF/UWM – 9:30am - Library
- Waukesha Choral Union Rehearsal – 5:00pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – December 2nd
- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Clarion Bells – 6:15pm – Sanctuary Room
- Festival Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – December 3rd
- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Longest Night Service – 6:00pm – Hearth Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – December 4th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)
- MDO Christmas Party – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – December 6th – Mission Gift Festival
- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Children's Chapel - 9:45am – Start in Sanctuary
- Children's Choirs – 10:45am – Choir Room
- Connection – 10:45am – Revelation Room
- Advent Study – 10:45am – Fellowship Hall

Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering: Rooted & Rising – Washington Park

Hospitality Team for Sunday - 12.06.26
Front Door: Tom Twinem
West Door: Ann Walker
Narthex: Carita Twinem
Ushers: Dianne White, Darrel White, Ann Harberg, Marianne Ludwick
Connection: Judy Downs, Mary Goens
Liturgist: Jeff Turmel
Communion Stewards: Jeff Turmel, Dean Polster, Evelyn Polster
Trailblazers: Sheryl Cavan, Chriss Stump

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem	Dean Johnson
Christian Fuller	Sheryl Cavan
Candace Kral	Tom Raley
Jeff Turmel	Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Timothy O'Brien
Chriss Stump - Church Director
Danielle Bridges - Director of Music
Tyler Walters - Praise Team Director
Sarah Kwon - Organist/Pianist
Jim Ausprung - Maintenance
Nicole Gosia - Respite Director
Tracey Magyar - MDO Director
Amanda Glassman - MDO Asst. Director
Ana Ferlindes - Custodian

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Monday–Thursday
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Tim at
262-388-4635

Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people who love God and neighbor through a focus on intergenerational community service and overall health and well-being.

