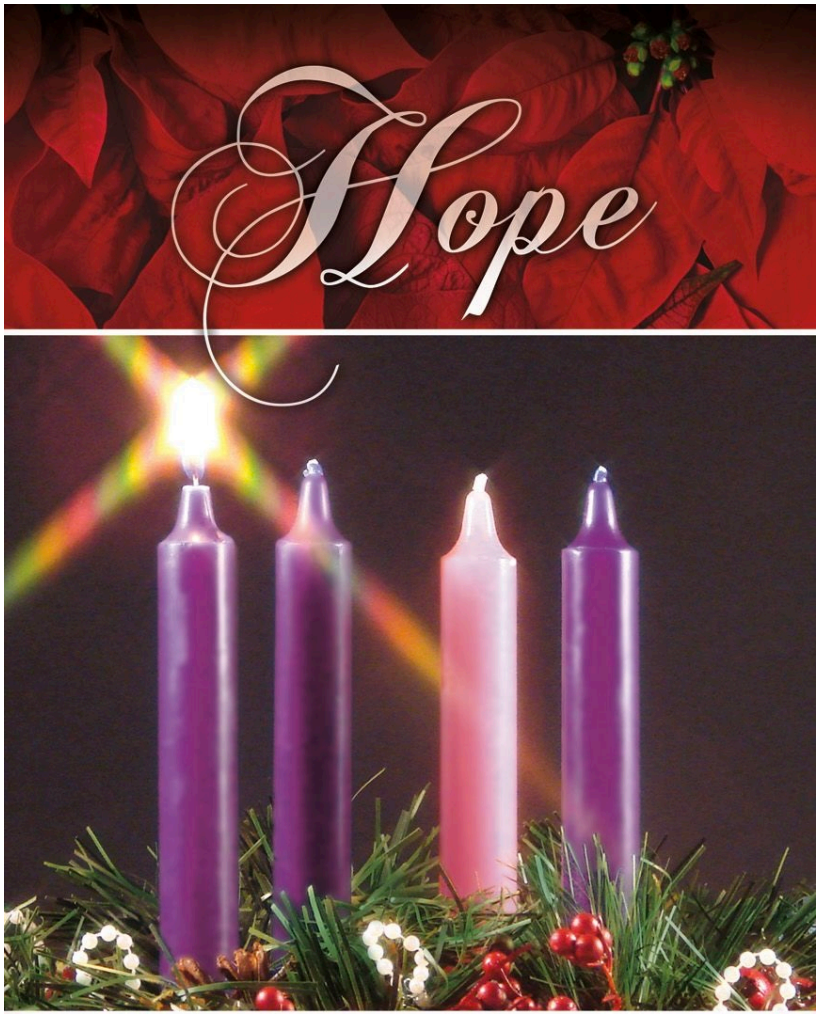

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2026 – 10:45AM

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Greeter	Jim & Janie Miller
Nursery	Nancy Hoffacker & Sue Wilson
Pastor	The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford
Liturgist	Michele Groover
Director of Music	Randall Curtis
Acolytes of Advent Candle	Darlene Artman & Darlene Jablon
Children's Message	Diane Curtis
Junior Church	Molly Davis & Jamie Ickes

(Please fill out the friendship book on the side of the pew and pass it down. Newcomers also please fill out a welcome card from the pew and put in the offering plate, so that we know your name and have your contact information.)

WELCOME…….Pastor Janet

ANNOUNCEMENTS…….....….Michele Groover

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Congregation stands as able.*
(Amen not sung at the end of hymns.)

(Please have children come to the front pulpit-side pew during the prelude.)
PRELUDE: "O, Come, Emmanuel"……Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP- Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope.…...Darlene Jablon

RESPONSIVE Litany of Hope……..…Darlene Artman
One: During Advent, God's promise illuminates our hope.
All: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.
One: In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.
All: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.
One: In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.
All: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.
One: In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks the truth.
All: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.
One: This morning we light the FIRST candle. It radiates God's HOPE to calm our restless souls. As we continue our journey, let us be comforted with hope – God's hope.

*OPENING HYMN - "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"……#168

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN IN WORSHIP……Diane Curtis
(Infant-2 yrs return with the attendants to the nursery downstairs.)
(Preschool thru 4th grade attend Jr. Church in the chapel.)

CHOIR ANTHEM – ……The Chancel Choir
"Emmanuel"……..Allen Pote

CALL TO CONFESSION……..… Pastor Janet

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION……..… Pastor Janet
Gracious Lord, our souls long for the hope that only you can provide. We confess that, all too often, we add to the discord, separation, and tension around us. Help us to feel your hope in our lives and strive to reflect it more in our witness. We prayer this is Jesus' name. Amen.
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS……..…..Pastor Janet

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION……..…..Michele Groover

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GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8 *(Pew Bible pg. 1424)*……Michele Groover

SERMON TEXT

PROPHET - Isaiah 40:28-31…….....Pastor Janet
28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. **29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. **30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; **31** but **those who hope in the LORD** will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

One: The word of the Lord!
ALL: Thanks be to God

SERMON - "Those Who Hope in the Lord"……....Pastor Janet

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER with The Lord's Prayer……Pastor Janet

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE - "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"……..#306

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - ……Michele Groover

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven & earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING Tithes & Offerings…….Michele Groover

OFFERTORY - "Shepherds, Rejoice"……Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION……..... Pastor Janet

SENT TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTREACH……thru a T-Shirt?.....Betsy Klingensmith

*SENDING HYMN - “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”……..#169

*Responsive BENEDICTION……..……..Liturgist & Pastor
All: **Seek First God’s Light, Grow as Followers of Christ,**
and Share His Good News in Love
Pastor: in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen!**

*POSTLUDE: “T’was in the Moon of Wintertime“……Robert J. Powell

VALUES of FPC:

Christ Centered Worship
Healthy Communications
Authority of the Word
Multigenerational Discipleship
Power of Prayer
Sense of Belonging

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED

FirstPres has two dates reserved for bell ringing at Walmart:
December 16 & 17: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., two-hour shifts.
Call Tim Eckhardt - home: 724-588-2012 cell: 724-813-0878
to sign up for this very important mission.



There is still time to submit your 2027 pledge. Thank you for your continued support of our Vision and Values!

GREETERS prior to worship services needed for 2027! This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time and talent while helping create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who joins us for worship. On your assigned Sunday, please arrive at the glass doors near the parking lot 20-25 minutes before the start of worship to welcome our Covenant Partners and friends. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please arrange for a substitute and notify the church office as as soon as possible.

The sign-up sheet is located at the top of the stairs near the parking lot exit. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve and helping everyone feel welcome in our church community.

THANKSGIVING THANK OFFERING

The Outreach Team is designating the Thank Offering to help SHOW purchase schoolbooks for children that are not sponsored at their school in Africa. Use the specially marked envelopes if you have a Thank Offering envelope or you can use the generic pew envelopes and label them as Thanksgiving offering. We will be collecting them all through November.

Christmas Giving Trees

The gifts are to be returned in gift bags, with the tags securely attached on the outside, **next Sunday by noon.**

The Mitten and Hat Tree

The Mitten and Hat Tree offers the opportunity to provide some warmth to youth, and infants in the Greenville Area. Please bring winter hats, mittens and gloves of all sizes, unwrapped, and hang them on the tree in the primary Sunday School area anytime between now and Christmas.

Please join us for the **Women's Christmas Luncheon** on Saturday, December 5th at Noon in Calvin Hall. We will have a special program by Betsy Klingensmith who will introduce us to the Electronic Wind Instrument. Food will be provided and each person is asked to bring their own table service. Please *RSVP by Wednesday, December 2nd* to the Church Office 724-588-6520. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you!

NEW COVENANT PARTNER CLASS

Come to Calvin Hall immediately after worship Sunday, January 3, 2027 to share lunch together and to get to know each other better. Following lunch Pastor Janet and some elders of the church will meet with you to answer questions you might have about the faith, church and our denomination. *Or if you prefer you may attend a class at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday December7, 2026.* For either class, please contact Pastor Janet, text 412-877-9310 or email janetann386@gmail.com to RSVP.

NURSERY AND JR. CHURCH coordinators are in need of volunteers.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Prayer chain requests – Nancy Hoffacker 724-456-5361
or tnhoffacker@gmail.com

This Week

Sun., 11/29	9:30-10:30 a.m..	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.- noon	Worship/Advent I
	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Messiah Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Mon., 11/30		No School
	6:00 p.m.	Session Mtg./Conference Rm.
Tues., 12/1	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study/Rm.202
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study/Rm. 202
Wed., 12/2	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
Thurs.,12/3	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Discovery Science/Rm. 107
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study/Conference Rm.
	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Fri., 12/4	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Kids of the Kingdom
Sat., 12/5	12:00 noon	PW Christmas Luncheon/Calvin Hall
Sun., 12/6	9:30-10:30 a.m..	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.-noon	Worship/Advent II
	12:00 noon	Lunch & Alternative Christmas
	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Messiah Rehearsal/Sanctuary

939 - Prayer Suggestions:
For them to be bold in their faith