

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** Donna Cooke

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pastor Ben

**PRELUDE** "Houston" Guy Kelpin

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** Susan and David Disher

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

*(Isaiah 64:2, Psalm 80:3)*

***We light the candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.***

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**OPENING PRAYER** Mike Price

**\*OPENING HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH # 211  
(verses 1, 2, & 6) VENI EMMANUEL

**\*CREED** "Hispanic Creed"

**\*GLORIA** "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH # 238  
(refrain only) GLORIA

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** "Long Time Ago" Joseph Martin  
*Advent Vocal Choir*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PSALTER** Luke 1:68-79 Betty Bewley

**\*OFFERTORY** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH # 206  
Jon Crain

**\*THANKSGIVING** "What Child Is This" UMH # 219  
**FOR THE OFFERING** (verse 3 without refrain) GREENSLEEVES

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 25:1-13 Betty Bewley

**SERMON** "Signs of the Season: Light" Pastor Ben

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "People, Look East" UMH # 202  
BESANCON

**\*BENEDICTION** Pastor Ben

**\*POSTLUDE** "The Echo Carol" Donna Cooke

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSIC MINISTRY:

**VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
**SUNDAY SING**

Wednesdays, 4-5 pm  
Sundays, 9:45 am

H. Davis Choir Room

### FAITH FORMATION:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
(Sundays at 9:15 am)

The New Beginnings  
The Seekers

Parlor  
The Seekers Class

### BIBLE STUDY

Homestead Hills  
Studying: Matthew 3:1-12

Thursdays 3 pm

### JOY SINGERS EOY LUNCHEON & REHEARSAL

December 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 pm

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LUNCHEON

December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at Homestead Hills.  
Reach out to Anne Mummy if you would like to attend.

### PLAY AT STAINED-GLASS PLAYHOUSE

December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Join us at the Stained-Glass Playhouse for the play "Roads". It's located at Marvin UMC.

### CHRISTMAS WEARHOUSE SORTING

December 10<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 12 pm at the Salvation Army. Sorting and packaging toys. Location will be shared closer to the event.

### END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION NOTICE

All 2025 donations of cash or checks should be placed in the offering plate no later than Sunday, December 28, 2025 or received by the church office no later than Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Mailed contributions must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2025. Thank you!

### BUILDING SECURITY FOR NOVEMBER:

Betty Bewley

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Betty Bewley

### LEADERSHIP THIS SUNDAY:

Ushers: Peg Price, Jon Crain, Don Mummy, Mona Crain, Anne Mummy  
Liturgist: Betty Bewley; L.L.: Mike Price;  
C.T.: 5; GIFT Ministry: Don and Anne Mummy

### LEADERSHIP NEXT SUNDAY:

Ushers: Reuben Smith, James Newman, Nancy Flowers, Murray Sink, Gale Sink  
Liturgist: Nancy Flowers; L.L.: Kim Smith;  
C.T.: 1; GIFT Ministry: Elaine Snapp and Sloan Girls

### WELCOME VISITORS!

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# SHERWOOD FOREST

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Loving and serving all people in the name of Jesus Christ*

First Sunday of Advent

10:30 am, November 30, 2025



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Pastor

**Donna Cooke**  
Director, Worship Arts

**Guy Kelpin**  
Musician & AV Specialist

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