FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hayfield, Minnesota
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November 29, 2026 10:00 a.m.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & LITURGY

Leader: Advent begins in the dark, and it begins with a demand. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.
People: We light this candle as a sign of hope.
Leader: Hope is not the same as optimism. Optimism expects things to improve. Hope keeps watch when there is no evidence yet, and refuses to go to sleep.
People: We are the clay. You are the potter. We are the work of your hand.
Leader: Keep awake, Jesus said, because you do not know when the owner of the house will come.
People: Come, O God. We are waiting. We are awake.

*Hymn #171 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
God who is drawing near to us: we live in a world of violence, which we do not condemn enough: Come to us, with your peace.
We are filled with the best of intentions, but are unable to follow through with action: Come to us, with your will.
We are sinners, who are afraid to gaze into your mirror of grace: Come to us, with your mercy.
Word of Flesh: have mercy; Friend of the poor: have mercy; Bridegroom of the faithful: have mercy.

*A TIME FOR SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
In this season of waiting, the Good News is this: mercy, new life, hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God.
Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came in the Child, who is with us in the Spirit, who will come again in glory! Amen.

*JOY TO THE WORLD & PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 1:3-9

MESSAGE

*HYMN #172 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

STATEMENT OF FAITH

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY & OFFERING PRAYER
God-who-gifts-us, you do so, not so we might have more, but we might care for those who have so little; not so we might splurge, but we might share. In the waiting of Advent, may we see the wanting, and use our resources to fill their lives with hope, grace, and joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #174 Lift Up Your Heads

*BENEDICTION
We do not know when Christ will return,
so we will wait, and in the waiting
we will share hope with everyone around us.
We do not know what the coming days will bring,
but we will be alert,
noticing all those who need the help we can provide.
We do not know the opportunities we will be given,
but we will keep our eyes open,
so we can welcome each person
as if they are the Christ.

*CLOSING RESPONSE Go Tell it on the Mountain

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Poinsettia order sign up in back of sanctuary

Share Christmas gifts due next Sunday

December 13 **Christmas Program**
No morning worship service
4:00 Cookie Sale
5:00 pm Worship and Children's programs
with Soup Supper afterwards

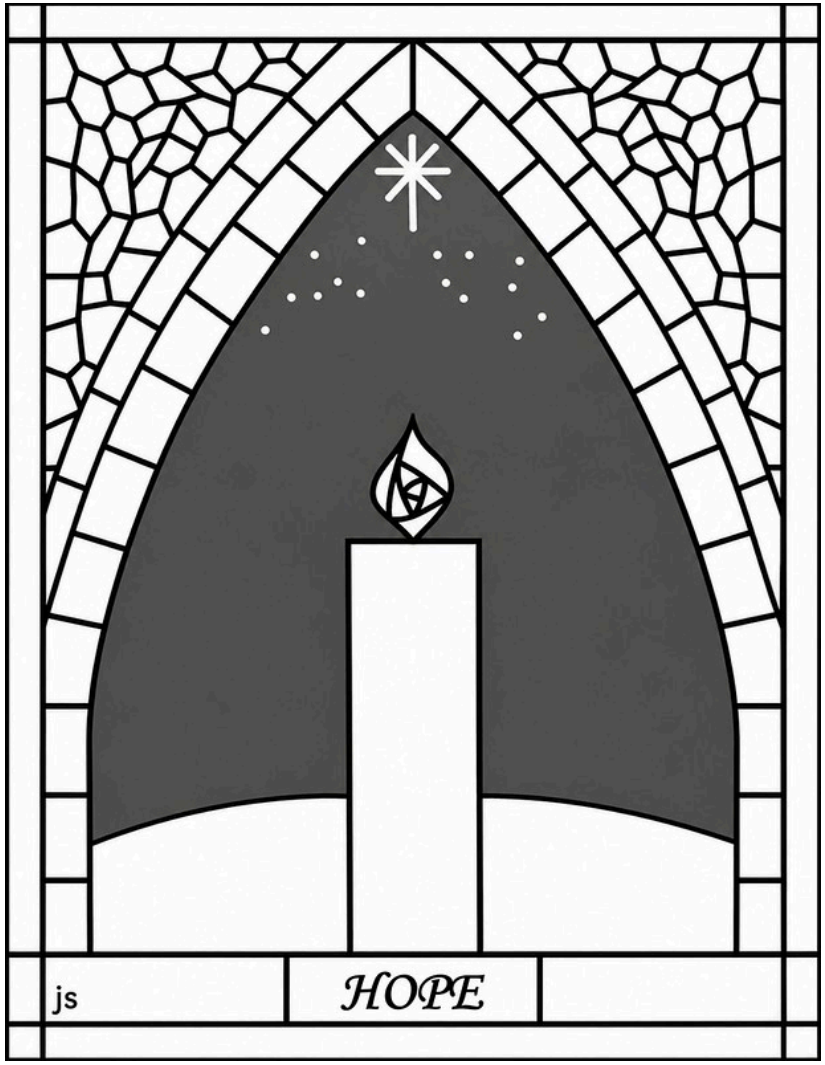
Volunteers for Next Week

Lay Leader	Sarah Gunderson
Usher/Greeter	Josh Jacobsen
Coffee Hour	David & Kayla
Counters	Jim & Nancy

Offerings

Total budgeted/week	$	2,219.00
Sunday Offering General Fund	$	1,619.00
Online General Fund	$	95.00

Give Online: firstpresbyterianhayfield.com/online-giving/
One time or recurring available



First Sunday of Advent

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