

Message Notes

How to Join — During the Response Hymn, you are invited to join our congregation. You may become a member by one of the following methods, whichever is most applicable to you.

1. You may share with the congregation that you have committed your life to Jesus & desire to be baptized.
2. You have already made a commitment to Jesus, been baptized and now desire to transfer your membership from another church to Winfree, or join based on your statement of faith in Christ and not by transferring membership from another church.



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Please let one of our greeters know you'd like to use a pair, and we will be happy to assist you!

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Hope

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." — Isaiah 9:2

 **WINFREE CHURCH**
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Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, November 30, 2025 • 9:40 a.m.

Welcome! Rev. Lee Foster

Invocation

Quietly Preparing to Worship God Everyone

The first candle of Advent is the Candle of Hope — "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." — Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)

The first Sunday of Advent invites us to lift our eyes beyond present struggles and remember that God's story is still unfolding. This week, let the light of hope remind you that no night is too long, no shadow too deep, for God's light to break through.

"Lord, as we light the first candle of Advent, kindle in us a living hope. Help us trust Your promises even when we cannot yet see their fulfillment. May our hearts be steady, our faith be strong, and our eyes fixed on the Light that has come and will come again. Amen."

Prelude **Coventry Carol** arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Winfree Bell Ensemble

Carol 176 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** HYFRYDOL

Lighting of the Advent Candle Larry and Rosy Haake and Everyone

Prepare the Way
see bulletin insert

Response: Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.

Reading from Psalm 122:1-9 Dr. Jimmie Miles

Reading from Matthew 24:36-55 Sharon Miles

Carol **O Come, Divine Messiah** VENEZ DIVIN MESSIE
see bulletin insert

Offertory Prayer Rev. Foster

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings Everyone

Offertory **Advent Meditation** Douglas E. Wagner
Winfree Bell Ensemble

Special Music **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**
Carol Hill, vocal solo

Pastoral Scripture **Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14** Rev. Foster
Pastor: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message **Be Ready** Rev. Foster

Carol 175 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** VENI EMMANUEL

Closing Words

Benediction **The Advent Blessing** Faith/Paige
Adult Choir

Postlude **In dulci jubilo** Zachau