St. John's United Church of Christ

201 West Market Street Germantown, OH 45327

November 29th, 2026, 10:30AM

First Sunday of Advent

Liturgist: Pat Schaeff Organist: Amanda Fenton Pastor: Mark Anthony

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Announcements
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome
Passing of the Peace
Prelude *Gesu Bambino*

Lighting of First Advent Candle:
Leader: When the nights are long and the roads are hard,
People: We turn our eyes to the stars.
Leader: When the work is demanding and injustice unending
People: We stand together, arm in arm.
Leader: When fear looms large and grief weighs heavy,
People: We cry out to God without holding back.
Leader: And when the dawn of tomorrow feels far away,
People: We gather together to light the candle of hope.
(Light candle)
Leader: Like the stars above, may this light shine bright,
People: May it guide our path. May it inspire deeper hope. Amen.

***Hymn** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* **R119**
Verses 1-2 & 4

***Opening Prayer**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: God who hears us and knows the ache of our prayers, we stretch out our weary hearts. We lay bare our souls and the truth of our lives. We remember that there is nothing we cannot bring to you. Restore our hope, loving God. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Musical Offering *Still, Still, Still* **Bell Choir**

Children's Moment

Scripture **Psalm 80: 1-7;17-19**
Isaiah 64: 1-9

Message **Cry Out** **Mark Anthony**

***Hymn** *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn* **R138**
Verses 1-2

***The Offering (located across from elevator)**

***Doxology**
All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** *People, Look East* **R142**
Verses 1 & 3-4

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

****All join us in standing as able***

Calendar of Events:			
Tuesday (12/01)	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday (12/03)	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Saturday (12/05)	10-12PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

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Worship Team:

Liturgist: Pat Schaeff
Special Music Group: Bell Choir
Tech: Kendall Peters, Rich Miletic, Andrew Keister, Grace Gregor, Tom Weaver, Jared Morris

St. John's United Church of Christ

St. John's United Church of Christ is an inclusive congregation where God's love is felt by all, for all, and in all we do through worship, mission and community.

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