

Offering Prayer

Ever-Watchful God, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your coming reign. We confess that we often cling too tightly to our comforts and schedules, forgetting that your kingdom calls us to loosen our grip and lift our eyes. Awaken us, Lord, to the “someday” you are already shaping through our love, our justice, and our generosity. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who comes, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: UMH #196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Blessing

**Sending Forth into the
Mission Field**

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**Sodus United Third Methodist Church
November 30, 2025**

**First week of Advent
Hope**



**Our mission as a Church is to nurture and
encourage those seeking Christ within our
community and beyond.**

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Receiving the Light of Christ

Welcoming: Opening Prayer:

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship

L: Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

P: Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Hymn: UMH #206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Holy One, You, call us to wake from sleep, to become aware to our surroundings. The dawn of a new time of preparation is upon us. Forgive us when sleepiness takes its toll, when our discussions become battles, when our judgment and self-judgement outweigh our faith. Let us put on the light of Christ and live as You have called us in respect, in mutual dialogue, and in

healthy living. Help us so that everything we do reflects Christ's light. Amen.

Psalm 122

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

P: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together.

P: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

L: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

L: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."

P: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

All: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Children's time:

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Hymn: UMH #171 There's Something About That Name

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Message:

Lord's Prayer:

Offering: