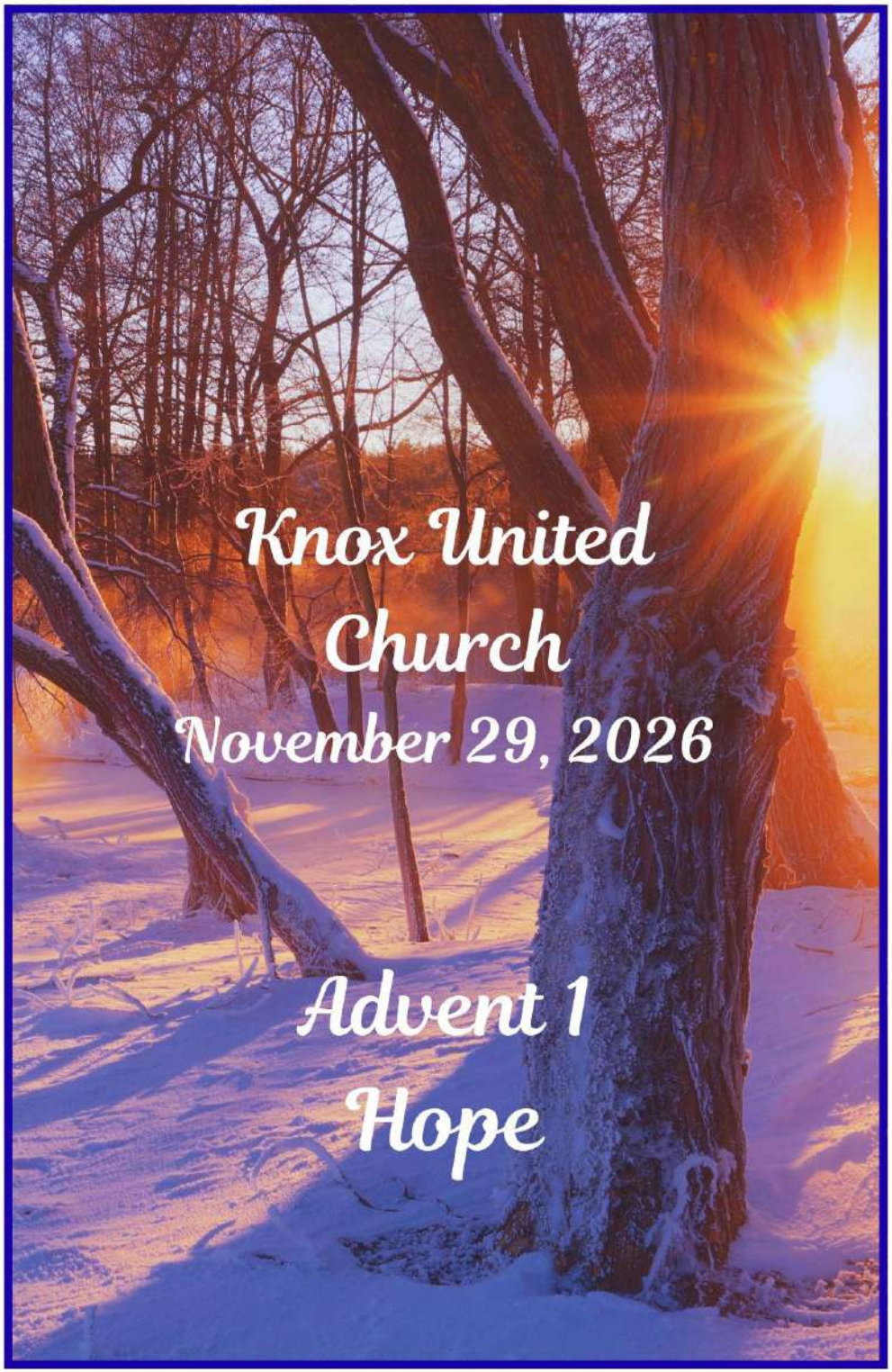


Advent 1 (Hope)
Worship Order, 10:00 AM

♫↑ Rise to sing, as you are able ♫+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" Setting: Hilton Kean Jones

Welcoming

Candle Lighting *(said together)*

We light this candle as a sign that Christ is with us as we gather --- even as we wait for his coming.

Call to Worship:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, O God.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him." (Lamentations 3:22–24)
Let us worship God.

Advent Candle Lighting (Hope)

Song: "Light of Heaven, Come" Karen Crane; Arr.: Joel Raney

First Sunday Candle Lighting Litany

Advent begins in darkness with 5 candles awaiting a spark. Today, we light the first one, the candle of hope. We light it with faith, which is the courage to trust that this light will grow. Advent teaches us the discipline of expectation – to watch, to listen, and to slow down and wait, choosing to believe that God is drawing near. Advent faith doesn't look back, but rather leans forward, believing that God keeps his promises, and trusting that the light of heaven will soon shine.

(Light the first candle of Hope)

Song: "Light of Heaven, Come"

Responsive Litany

In shadowed days, we wait and pray.
Asking for God to light the way.
When answers hide and paths seem dim.
We place our faith and trust in him.
The word of God, both sure and true.
We hold our hope, O God, in you.
As we prepare for Christ's own birth.
We walk by faith upon this earth.

Hymn: "Hope Is a Star" *(verse 1)* VU 7

Opening Prayer *(said together)*

Faithful God, we begin a new year the way your people always have --- waiting. We do not know what the season ahead will bring. But we know who you are. You have kept faith with every generation before us, and you will keep faith with us. Give us hope that rests not on how things look, but on you. Amen.

Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" VU 2

Hebrew Bible Reading: Isaiah 64:1–4 p. 606

Hymn: "All Earth Is Waiting" *(verses 1-3)* VU 5

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9 p. 926

Anthem: "Advent Carol of Hope" Words: Don Besig & Nancy Price
Music: Don Besig

Sermon: God Is Faithful

Offering Hymn: "In the Bleak Midwinter" *(verse 4)* VU 55

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,

I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him –
give my heart.

Dedication of Offering *(said together)*

God of every good gift, we are not lacking anything we need. All of it came from you. We return these gifts with thanks. Use them for your work in this place and beyond. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" VU 288

Commissioning and Benediction

Benediction Response: "Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV 220

Postlude: "Encore Toccata" Craig A. Penfield

Worship Leaders:

Presider: Rev. Dr. Richard Chung
Music Director: Colleen Coulter
Guest Organist: Miri Lee
Advent Wreath: Susan McAlpine
Head Usher: Dave Cass
Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong
Scripture Reader: Susan McAlpine
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir
Flute: Christian Peterson
Greeter: Frances Herzer
Webminder: Alex Danny

November 29, 2026 **First Sunday of Advent (Hope)**

Title: God Is Faithful

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Synopsis: Paul writes to the church in Corinth after he has served it and moved on. He begins not with correction but with thanksgiving, reminding them that they lack no gift as they wait for Christ, and that God will strengthen them to the end. Advent hope rests not on leaders, plans, or how things look, but on the faithfulness of God.

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