

**Liturgist: Samantha Howlett**

**Lectionary Readings for December 7, 2025,  
Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13;  
Matthew 3:1-12**

**Worship Attendance Last Week: 94**

**Sunday School Attendance: 48**

*Optimism is a wish without warrant;  
Christian hope is a certainty,  
guaranteed by God himself.  
Optimism reflects ignorance as to  
whether good things will ever actually  
come. Christian hope expresses  
knowledge that every day of his life,  
and every moment beyond it, the  
believer can say with truth, on the  
basis of God's own commitment, that  
the best is yet to come. J. I. Packer*

**Ministers: All Professing Members of Locust Grove GMC**  
**Pastor: Rev. Booker Brown, Jr.**



**Locust Grove Global Methodist Church**

**Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM**

**Worship, 11:00 AM**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 30, 2025**

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(\*Please Stand as You Are Able)

## **ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAISE SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

L: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, where God's peace reigns and His truth is taught.

**P: We come to learn His ways and walk in His path.**

L: The time is near to awaken from sleep; salvation is closer than when we first believed.

**P: Let us put on the armor of light and walk in the Lord's peace.**

L: Come, let us worship the one who calls us to live as children of the day.

**P: We come to worship the living God and to walk in the light of Christ Jesus. Amen**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** (IN UNISON)

**God of power and might, your majesty is greater than the highest mountain. Your glory is more radiant than the summer sun. As the days grow dark and the sun's light wanes, warm our hearts with the radiance of your love, that we might find our courage and walk by the light of the moon. As nations rise against nations, strengthen our desire for peace in your name, that we might beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Booker

Pastor Booker

#895, Hymnal

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

ANTHEM

Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Booker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Booker

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 1016)

Isaiah 2:1-5

**Stand for the Reading of the Gospel**

GOSPEL LESSON (Pg. 1511)

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

"Hope"

Pastor Booker

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version, #881, Hymnal

Gloria Patri, #70, Hymnal

CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#206 Hymnal

## **GOING FORTH FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE