**Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church**
**November 22, 2026**
**First Sunday of Advent**
**Hanging of the Greens**

**Prelude** *An Advent Litany* by Paxton

**Welcome** Reverend Brian Moss
**Announcements** Lanny Winters

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**
Dick Belinski and Gary Hughes
We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
With the Lord, one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.
**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief;**
**therefore, be ready!**
God is faithful, and will strengthen us to the end, so that we may be found blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**To God be the glory forever! Amen.**

**Hymn #166** Wait for the Lord

**Opening Prayer**

***Hymn #153** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***Invitation to Confession and Assurance**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**
**ALL: Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgement and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace in the midst of our warring madness.**

**Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ's nonviolent path. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.**
*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

***Assurance of Forgiveness**
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn #177** Jesus, Name Above All Names

**Responsive Scripture Reading** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
**Awaken your might; come and save us.**
Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
**How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?**
You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
**You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.**
Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
**Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.**
Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.
**Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

**Faithful Voices** *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King* by Lau

**Scripture** Mark 13:24-37
This is the Word of the Lord
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** Are You Awake?

**Affirmation of Faith** from the book of Common Worship
**ALL: We believe there is no condemnation**
**for those who are in Christ Jesus;**
**for we know that all things work together for good**
**for those who love God,**
**who are called according to God's purpose.**
**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,**
**nor angels, nor rulers,**
**nor things present, nor things to come,**
**nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**
**nor anything else in all creation,**
**will be able to separate us from the love of God**
**in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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**(*Those who are able, please stand.)**
Leading Worship: Reverend Brian Moss
Duty Elder: Lanny Winters
Organist: Deb Wolf
Lay Reader: Gary Hughes
Lighting the Advent Candle: Dick Belinski and Gary Hughes

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**Offering**
***Doxology #34**
**Prayer of Dedication**

**A Time of Sharing**
**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn #160** Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

***Benediction**

***Hymn #178** Emmanuel, Emmanuel

**Postlude** *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* arr. Labenske