Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

Childcare is available in the nursery for children under the age of 5.

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude	
Welcome	Rev. Anne Robertson
IntroitO Come, O Come	e, EmmanuelHandbell Choir
† Call to Worship	alm 122:1read responsively
I was glad when they said to me	
Let us go to the house of the Lord!	
Opening HymnPeople	e, Look East#202, v1 and 4
1. People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way. Reading 1: The Advent Wreath	4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way. Neil Cudmore
Lighting the Candle of Hope	Adjoa Acquaah-Harrison ctant hope. May the light sent from God shine in
The Scripture of Hope	Jeremiah 33:14-16
	od. May it help us remember to bring hope, to and to embody love for the world. Amen.
† Carol O Come, O	Come Emmanuel#211, v1
O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ranse That mourns in lonely exile here until th Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come	e Son of God appear.
Reading 2: Greens and Wreaths	Rev. Anne Robertson
	O God. May they remind us of your everlasting
† Carol The Holly and	d the Ivyv 1-3
1. The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bears the crown.	2. The holly bears a blossom, white as the lily flower, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Savior. [Refrain]
Refrain: The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.	3. The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. <i>Refrain</i>

Reading 3: Poinsettias	Neil Cudmore
Blessing: Bless our poinsettias, O God. becomes a priceless treasure v	May they remind us that even the smallest gift when given in love. Amen.
† Carol	Bleak Midwinter#221, v1, 4
1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind madmoan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stor snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow o snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.	If I were a shepherd, I would bring a ne; lamb;
Anthem: Nigh	t of Silence Kate Frisoli & Linda Simson
Reading 4: Christmas Tree and Lights	Rev. Anne Robertson
Blessing: Bless our Christmas trees and that you are present wherever	d lights, O God. May they help us to remember we choose to see you. Amen.
† CarolLo, How a l	Rose E'er Blooming#216, v1, 3
1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.	3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.
Reading 5: Candles in the Windows	Neil Cudmore
Blessing: Bless the candles in our wind welcome to those in search of s	lows, O God. May they serve as beacons of safety. Amen.
† CarolO Little To	own of Bethlehem#230, v1, 4
1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.	4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; o come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!
Reading 6: The Nativity	Rev. Anne Robertson
·	. May it remind us all that you know how hard it is to

† Carol	He is Born#228, v. 1-3
Refrain: He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the savior mild	2. O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect child of heaven;O how lovely, O how pure gracious gift to humankind! <i>Refrain</i>
1. Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming; thru long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! <i>Refrai</i> :	3. Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us, Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace. <i>Refrain</i>
Benediction	
Announcements	
Postlude	Sarah Lafontaine
Please remain seated during the postlude	e, then join us in Gifford Hall for fellowship during Coffee Hour.

2025 Poinsettia Order/Dedication Form Orders Due Next Sunday, December 7

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to be placed in the chancel for Christmas, please fill out the form below and give it to Stacey, place it in the offering plate, or email it to Stacey in the church office (office@crawfordumc.org).



Plants are \$14.00 each; please make checks payable to Crawford UMC. Orders must be received by next **Sunday, December 7.** Questions? Contact Stacey by calling 781-729-5056, or by email (office@crawfordumc.org). You may pick up your plants after the Christmas Eve services or donate them to our visitation team who will bring them to folks who were unable to attend the service.

Please write cl	early so your dedication is accurate – thank you.
I/We wou	ıld like to order/dedicate plant(s).
	(how many?)
Name or names of giver(s):	
Given in memory of:	
Given in celebration of:	

Plants will be red poinsettias, in 6.5" pots, and are being ordered from Mahoney's Garden Center. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey.