Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026
Childcare is available in the nursery for children under the age of 5.
† *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prelude and Processional ..... Let All Mortal Flesh ..... Helena Veranian
Introit ..... "Still, Still, Still" arr. Norman Luboff ..... Chancel Choir
† Call to Worship ..... Joyce Cummings

Come, listen.
A thrill of hope is calling.

Come, rejoice.
A weary world is healing.

Come, watch.
A bright star is shining.

Come, worship.
The Messiah is coming.

† Hymn ..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ..... 211 v. 1, 2, 6, 7

1. O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2: O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go. ***Refrain***

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight. ***Refrain***

7. O come, Desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife. ***Refrain***

Welcome/Kids' Time/Advent Wreath ..... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

† Passing the Peace (with our nearest neighbors)

† Sung Response ..... "Now Is the Time Approaching" ..... tune: Ellacombe (UMH203)

1. Now is the time approaching, by prophets long foretold,
when all shall dwell together, secure, and manifold.
Let war be learned no longer, let strife and tumult cease,
all earth a blessed garden that God shall tend in peace

Prayer for Illumination

As you, O God, draw near to us in the birth of Christ, may we draw nearer to you in the sharing of these scriptures. May our hearts rejoice in the ongoing story of salvation—for us and for all our weary world. Amen.

† Gospel Reading ..... Mark 13:24-37 ..... Joyce Cummings

Sermon ..... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Anthem ..... "Lo, How a Rose / The Rose ..... Chancel Choir

Sharing our Prayers ..... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer ..... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Maker), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom (kin-dom) come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom (kin-dom), and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements ..... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

† Hymn ..... "View the Present through the Promise" ..... W&S 3048

1. View the present through the promise, Christ will come again
   Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come
   Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing
   In the hope past hope's conceiving; Christ will come again

2. Probe the present with the promise Christ will come again
   Let your daily actions witness Christ will come again
   Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving
   Be a sign to all the living Christ will come again

3. Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again
   Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again
   Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating
   To the advent you are waiting Christ will come again

† Benediction & Blessing ..... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Postlude ..... Helena Veranian

Please remain seated during the postlude, then join us in Gifford Hall for fellowship during coffee hour.

Options for Giving

Friends and members are asked to prayerfully consider giving in support of Crawford's ministries and operations. We invite you to bring your offerings with you to church. Or you can mail a check to 34 Dix St., Winchester, MA 01890. Mail is checked daily. We welcome online giving through our website at crawfordmethodist.org/give.

Our Staff

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The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 to 3, and at other times by appointment. Voice mail (781-729-5056) & email (office@crawfordumc.org) are checked daily. Rev. Jen Mihok can be reached at pastor@crawfordumc.org.

Coming Up at Crawford

December 6, 3pm ..... Mishawum Choral Society Concert

December 20, after church ..... Luminaria assembly

Please gather in Gifford Hall after coffee hour to help assemble luminaria that we will place outside on Christmas Eve to light the way to our annual services of Lessons and Carols.

December 24, 5pm and 9pm ..... Christmas Eve Services

See upcoming issues of the Messenger for more information about these and other happenings at Crawford! Not receiving the Messenger? Contact the church office or subscribe here: crawfordmethodist.org/subscribe

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