The flowers on the altar are joyfully given to the glory of God by Amy Sanders in loving memory of her son, Dalton.

SAVE THE DATE:
–YOUTH LOCK-IN 12/4–12/5, 6:45PM–7:30AM. See Logan for more details.
–December 4th, Care Team at 11:30am in the Varsity room.
–December 6th, Consecration Luncheon in Fellowship Hall following 10:45am service.
–December 7th, Piece Corps Christmas Luncheon at 11am in Fellowship Hall.
–December 8th, Finance meeting at 6:45pm in the Kurella room.
–December 13th, Logan & youth going shopping for Tree of Sharing tree. 12:30pm–1:30pm.
–December 14th, United Women in Faith are having a potluck luncheon at Pine Hill here in Mount Vernon at 12pm!

This year, our Thanksgiving & Christmas offerings will be divided equally among Royal Family Kids Camp, Giving Hope Charity, and Pleasant Street Elementary School.

TREE OF SHARING:
Help bless local families with the gift of Christmas!
Names are available on the tree in the Parlor. Gayle James will be there after each service.
Please return all gifts UNWRAPPED to the Parlor by December 13th.
Questions? Contact Gayle at 740-848-4029.
Thank you for supporting this mission!

DINE WITH 9:
Dine with 9! Gather in groups of nine to enjoy food, fellowship, and reconnecting with others. Groups decide when and where to meet, whether monthly, quarterly, or simply for fun. Sign-ups begin in January! See Joe or Marty Bell for details.

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS–OPEN TO ALL:
- Congregational meal at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Pastor Christopher's Bible Study, Disciple 1, from 6:30pm–7:45pm.
- Logan & CREW have their Bible Study on the 3rd floor from 6pm–8pm.

Our Mission
To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service



Sanctuary, November 29, 2026

Promise in the Silence
See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.
He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents,
so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.
–Malachi 4:5–6

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Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 8am–3pm | 740-392-6626 | office@mtvumc.org
Restrooms: Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.
Hearing Devices: Available upon request from an usher.
Prayer Concerns: Use gray cards in pews; place in offering plate or give to a Pastor
Connect Cards: In pew racks—guests and updates welcome (return in offering plate or to a Pastor)

Sermon Notes:

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT–HOPE

The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude — *The King Shall Come,* arr. by Edward Broughton — Janet Guetle

Liturgy — Liturgist: Jon Butler

*Gathering Hymn — *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* — UM Hymnal 500

Lighting of Advent Candle — The Brooks Family

***Unison Prayer**

Dear God, as we light this candle, we open our hearts to Your Gift of Hope. Fill us, Lord, with the confidence that comes from knowing that You will guide us and equip us to do all that you have given us to do through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: May the joy of the Advent season with its message of mighty hope be with you all!

C: And also with you.

L: We begin Advent by celebrating the expectation that the Christ who came as Emmanuel will come again and be with us in every age and every place.

C: Just as God sent Jesus to an exact time and place, so you and I are sent to this time and place to share the love of Christ.

ALL PRAISE RESPONSE:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Invitation to Children — Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children's Song-congregation — *Where Children Belong*

Children's Message — Logan Hines

INTO THE WORD

Isaiah 9:2 & 6 — Lay Reader: Jassmine Bayless

*Luke 1:5–15, 57–60

*Response to the Word — *Gloria Patri* — UM Hymnal 71

Message — Promise in the Silence — Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn — *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* — UM Hymnal 196

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:

Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives.

Offertory — *Every Valley,* by John Ness Beck — Chancel Choir

***Doxology** — *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* — **UM Hymnal 94**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting — *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* — UM Hymnal 213

*Benediction

Postlude — *Toccata in E Minor,* by Tom Birchwood — Janet Guetle

Worship Participants:

Chancel Choir Director:
Terry Dunnavant

Live Stream:
Max Heindl & Carol Moore

Sound:
Daniel Burson

Ushers:
Logan Hines & CREW

