



“Besides this, you know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.”

- Romans 13:11

November 30, 2025

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

November 30 2025

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE

"The Bells" – Margaret Bonds

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 122

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People: And now we stand in your presence, O God.

Leader: May there be peace within your holy city, and prosperity among your people.

People: I will pray for those who dwell in your midst.

*HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#211

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

**Unison: We confess, O God, that we do not truly understand your coming into the world.
We do not always trust that our salvation is near. We often fail to act rightly,
forgetting to love you, our neighbors, or even ourselves. We need your grace and
mercy, O God, to awaken us to the gift of this new day. Forgive us we pray, that we
might walk in your light, choosing for the world the love you have shown us in
Christ. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mark Roulette

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

*Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and
any helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.*

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Lighting the Candle of Hope

The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.

Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,

A candle of hope in November's dark night.

While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,

Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

ANTHEM

"I Want to Be Ready" – Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

#95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures, here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

- Romans 13:11-14

How to meet the new day

Mark Roulette
p.197 New Testament

SERMON

"Wake-up Call"

Jonathan Chute

*HYMN

"People, Look East"

#202

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.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.

Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

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.

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

POSTLUDE

"Chaconne/Variations" – Purcell

Althea Waites

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together. Please use our digital welcome pad by opening the QR code. Thank you!



Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Peggy Roulette, Church Office Administrator
Wade Welch, Treasurer

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Althea Waites, Organist
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone Director
Michele Nelson, Executive Assistant
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