

Nursery for ages 0 through K2 is open during worship and SS! (Room 119)
Nursery is available for children K3 – K5 as marked in the bulletin. (Room 120)

Don't forget to pick up our **2021 Advent Devotional today!**
Our Advent Wreath readings are included in our Advent devotionals.

Join us Wednesday, December 1st
Advent Festival
5:30 – 7:00

Alexander Hall – nativity display, family friendly activities
Outdoors – caroling, hot cocoa, s'mores

RSVP for an oasis wreath form (\$10) if you want to make an Advent wreath –
we'll have the greenery. Only 12 available.

RSVP today for your Chick-fil-A boxed dinner (sandwich or nuggets) at \$5 each.

Christmas Eve Opportunities

K4 and K5 children are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve nativity.
Rehearsal 12/24 at 10:30 in the sanctuary. Service at 5:30 in the evening
(but please arrive by 5:00 for costuming).
Please let Elise know if your child is available to participate (by 12/15).

SHinE Choir will be singing 12/25 at the 5:30 service.
Please have your children in the SHinE choir room by 5:00.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Don't forget the Birthday Party for Jesus 12/19 at 10:00 in Alexander Hall!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministry training will begin in February.
Call Dr. Brad Christie if you are interested or have questions.

Sunday, November 28

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - HOG Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - Chancel Bells
5:00 p.m. - Worship (BR)

Monday, November 29

4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
5:30 p.m. - Committed Prayers
(BR)
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (Base.)
6:30 p.m. - Gil Scouts (YR)

Tuesday, November 30

9:15 p.m. - Staff Mtg
10:00 a.m. - Seekers Bible Study
(BR)
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

Wednesday, December 1

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (AH)
5:30 p.m. - Advent Festival &
Caroling (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 2

10:00 a.m. - Emerald Bells
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (HR)

Friday, December 3

4:30 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)

Saturday, December 4

9:00 a.m. - Chorale (Sanc)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary
are given to the glory of God and in loving mem-
ory of Joel Ives and Emma Cothran Townsend
through the generosity of their son, Dr. Joel Ives
Townsend.

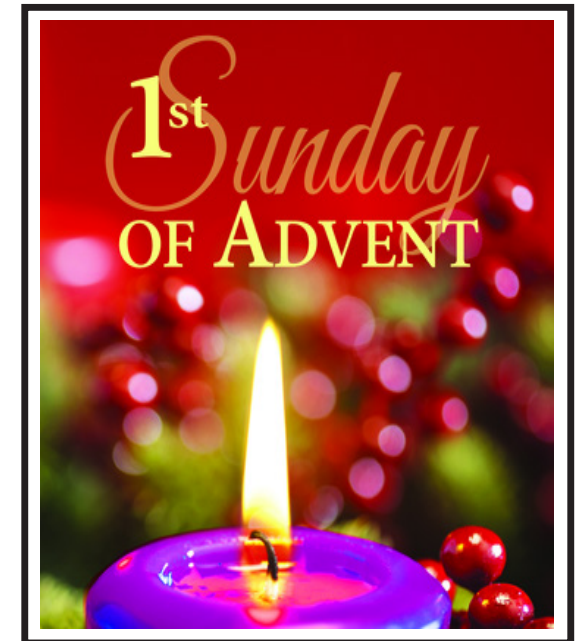
VOLUNTEER TO BE A BELL RINGER AT HOBBY LOBBY

Friday, December 10th,
9am-8pm (1 Hour time slots)
Sign up sheet is in the lobby
or call the front office

ANGEL TREE

Christmas will be brighter for many children in our community if you choose to partici-
pate with the local Salvation Army. All children are from our local community. Our tree
is available now in the front lobby. Gifts will be received at the church until Sunday,
December 12. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS AND RETURN THE ANGEL
TAG WITH THE GIFT.** Please be assured all angels are from the Greenwood area.
Please know that our Missions/Outreach Committee provides a Bible for each child.

First Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens November 28, 2021 11:00 am



*Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Associate Pastor -- The Rev. Gordon Tubbs
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
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PRELUDE “Lord Christ, When You First Came to Earth” Robert Glick

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Hite

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

***INTROIT**

“Let Every Heart”

Mark Patterson

SHinE Choir

(Please stand as the cross passes your pew)

ADORATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Hite

Leader: Come away from haste and frantic busyness.

This is the season for quiet waiting.

People: **It is hard to still our souls when we are so busy.
It is hard to be patient with ourselves or others.**

Leader: Receive God’s mercy and strengthen your hearts.

A Savior is coming; God’s love is near.

People: **We want to hear and believe God’s promises.
We want to become patient, loving seekers.**

Leader: God presents us with a high and holy way.

Come before God now with praise and singing.

People: **We sense the joy God offers to us.**

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

***OPENING HYMN ** #83** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” STUTTGART

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Scott Gibson and Tara McGarity

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dennis and Peggy Hammett

Chris, Jill, Cooper, and Maggie Hammett

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. - I Peter 1:13

Reader: Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

Reader: From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Reader: Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

Reader: Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

- (from *Come Thou Long-expected Jesus*)

Prayer: Lord God, you are the hope of all the earth. You are also the hope in each of our individual hearts. May we feel your presence today, through this Advent season, and every day. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

(Please remain seated during the Hanging of the Greens service.)

“In Dulci Jubilo” (Leggiero) arr. James Vivian (Oxford)

“Antioch” (Carillon) Mary Beth Bennett (Oxford)

“Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Fred Bock (Variations on Xmas Melodies)

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” arr. Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Wreaths and Poinsettias, Wreaths on Pews

Chancel Poinsettias

*Kyle and Christie Hite, Gordon, Brett, John, and Daniel Tubbs,
Christopher, Elise, Dawsey, Emma, and Lily Collins, Brad, Gloria, and Luke Christie,
Beth, Liza Evans, Quay, and Kate Justesen, Judy Sieckman, Will & Nicole Munnerlyn,
Lewis & Kim Masters, Betty Williams, JoEtta Shick, Adam & Elizabeth Eichelberger,
Don, Robbin, & Andrew Goforth, Kirk & Laura Boland, Kathy Snyder,
Lisa & Erika Jo Buchanan, Preston & Dale Culbertson, Jay & Linsey Anderson,
Jean Mabe, David & Donna Cowan, Brian & Kim Purcell, Shirley Gardner,
Margaret Stevens, Amelia Scott, Ella & Isabella Din, Cooper Hammett,
Annabelle McClendon, Keaton Willard*

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Tubbs

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light,

we are frightened by what you might expect of us if we get too close to the manger. Many enticements draw our attention away from this holy place. Our worldly passions have led us into comfortable ruts. We admit that some are mere time-killers but others seem to have real value to us. What more can a baby offer us? Of what use is a Messiah who ends up on a cross? O God, teach us what salvation is all about. Heal the emptiness that gives rise to our misplaced loyalties and distorted dreams. We want to be whole people, experiencing wholesome relationships, giving ourselves to worthy causes.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE

“Gloria, Gloria”

GLORIA (Taizé)

(Glaw-dee-uh een egg-shell-sees Deh-oh)

K3-K5 children may go to extended session in Room 120

GIVING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Rev. Tubbs

Offertory

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Peek

***Advent Doxology (On Screens)**

REGENT SQUARE

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Christie

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

John 1:1-14

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Need More Daylight?”

Rev. Hite

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Christie

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN #92**

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

WAITING

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Minister:

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

setting by Paul Manz

Text: Hymn No 349

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices are available in the narthex.

*Congregation stands

**Late comers may be seated