

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Hanging of the Greens | A Service of Word

November 30, 2025

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

arr. Berry

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

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The Collect

Almighty God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son: save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Introduction to Hanging of the Greens

**The Hymn of Praise & Hanging of the Greens*

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 196 (all verses)

The Children's Moments: The Symbols of the Season

Evergreens: Cedar, Pine, and Fir

Lights: The light of the world

Holly: The messiah will suffer and die to save us

**The Stewardship Witness*

Barbara Iles

**The Congregational Hymn*

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

No. 216 (vs. 1, 3)

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

"The Holly Carols"

Gail Foote, soloist

arr. Kerr

**The Doxology*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Jay Wood Family

see insert

**The Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 7:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon "Glad You Asked: What Responsibilities Do Christians Have in our Current Political Environment?"

RESPONDING IN FAITH

**The Profession of Faith*

The Nicene Creed

No. 880

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

**The Hymn of Invitation*

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

No. 211 (vs. 1, 2)

SENDING FORTH

** The Benediction*

**The Congregational Blessing*

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Choral Benediction

"Come, Lord Jesus"

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**Postlude*

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

arr. Berry

*The flowers on the Altar and the new Advent candles
are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Carlisle Campbell
by his wife, Beverly, and their
children, Betsy, Katherine, and Carlisle,
and their families.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Communion – Our mid-week communion service will resume this week at noon. Consider joining us as a part of your spiritual preparation for the arrival of our Lord

Advent Devotional Books – The Advent devotional books *A Grand Miracle* are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary for each family. Also there is a hardback devotional book *Watch for the Light* available for \$10. See Stacy if you would like to purchase a copy. Br. Chad guarantees it will be the best \$10 you spend this holiday season.

Poinsettias - The Judy Shirley Circle will be selling poinsettias to raise funds for their mission projects. The cost is \$20.00, and the deadline for purchase will be December 1st.

Christmas Treats for Shut-ins - Each December with our Christ at Home meal, we deliver small casseroles, desserts and other treats to our church Loaves and Fishes and Christ at Home lists. If you would like to help with this project, contact Stacy. We will need to have your items in the church kitchen by 9 am Wednesday, Dec 3. You may also bring them to be placed in the freezer any time before then. We currently have 15 church members who will receive these treats.

Christmas Reception – Caroline Harrell will host a Christmas reception at her home at 349 Harrell Drive on Sunday, December 7th, from 4:00 until 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend this special event.

Music Coterie Christmas Program – The Music Coterie will present their annual Christmas program on Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary.

Choir Christmas Program – The choir Christmas program will be Sunday, December 14th, at 2:00 pm. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the program. Everyone is invited to attend.



Hanging of the Greens

THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS HOME
AMONG US.

John 1:14