

\*Opening Hymn      *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*      #234  
(Bringing in the Little People Nativity by the children)

\*Opening Prayer

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri      *"Glory Be to the Father"*      #70

Scripture 2      *Jeremiah 23:5-6*      *Pastor Mamie*

Hymn      *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*      #196  
(Placing of Cedar, Holly and Ivy on the altar)

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome Him.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Let Us Pray:

Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting the First Candle of Advent      *The Hull Family*

Hymn      *"Light the Advent Candle" v. 1*      TFWs #2090  
*Light the Advent candle, one; Now the waiting has begun;  
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

Scripture 3      *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*      *Pastor Mamie*

\*Hymn      *"O Little Town of Bethlehem" v. 1 & 2*      #230  
(Placing Poinsettias on the altar)

Scripture 4      *Isaiah 11:1-10*      *Pastor Mamie*

Hymn      *"I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light" v. 1&3*      #206  
(Lighting of the Window Candles)

Children's Time

(Please sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

Hymn      *"There's a Song in the Air" verse 1*      #249

Scripture 5      *Psalms 96:1-13*      *Pastor Mamie*

\*Hymn      *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*      #218  
*"The First Noel"*      #245  
(The congregation places the remaining Chrismons on the tree)

Invitation to Practice Advent Spiritual Disciplines

## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes to God

Offertory: "Not So Silent Night" Soloist: Lucie Edson

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

\*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Mamie

## Joys, Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

Scripture 6 John 1:1-5, 9-14 Pastor Mamie

## Blessing & Lighting of the Chrismon Tree

\*Closing Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211

## \*Dismissal with Blessing

### \*Sending Forth

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel*

\*Postlude Sarah Grace Alley



## Why Do We Use Blue Paraments in Advent?

*The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) identifies both blue and purple as appropriate colors for Advent. We use blue paraments to draw a clear distinction between the seasons of Advent and Lent (when we use purple). Advent is a season of preparation, anticipation, and hope! The deep blue color of our paraments reminds us of the night sky and the star of Bethlehem that the Wise Men followed to find baby Jesus in a manger.*



## St. Andrews United Methodist Church

Hanging of the Greens

December 1, 2024 at 10 a.m.

\*Please stand as you are able Minister: Rev. Mamie Alley

## Gathering and Announcements

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" Sarah Grace Alley

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

Scripture 1 Luke 1:26-35 Pastor Mamie

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

**People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

**People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death, and resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

**All: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Glory to God in the highest!**