

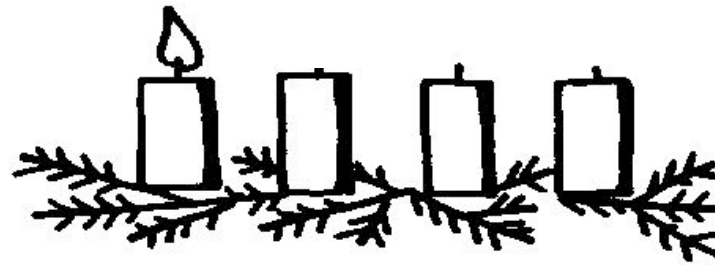
* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study. This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.



Lectionary Year A for the First Sunday in Advent,
November 27: *Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122,*
Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44.

Lectionary Year A for the Second Sunday in Advent,
December 4: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;*
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.



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to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022 10 a.m.

LARGE PRINT

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music *Interlude V* - Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Oliver family

*** Opening Hymn** *Let All Things Now Living* Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Word of God made flesh, we know that we are shaped in your image, yet — so often — we fail to live into the Divine spark you shared with all creation. Forgive us, Lord. When we are petty and mean-spirited, guide us to grace. When we lash out in anger or fear, help us to find harmony and peace. When we succumb to grief and despair, turn us toward your hope. May we trust in the promise of your redemption, and may it guide us to a brighter tomorrow. Amen.

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We are an ecumenical congregation
in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, both now and after the service.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*** Sung Response** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*
Song sheet

First Scripture Reading *Psalm 100*

The Lay Reader today is Andrew Clapp.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Agnus Dei* - arr. Joel Raney

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now come to the Grace Space at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Biblical Reflection

Rev. Jess Rigel

As you listen to Scripture and the pastoral reflections, you are invited to follow suit and hold your own discussions, following the service. Below are the questions responded to during the reflections. Feel free to create your own questions and responses.

What are you grateful for,
at the start of this Advent season?

What lies heavy on your heart,
at the start of this Advent season?

What brings you hope,
at the start of this Advent season?

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

King James version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *Give Thanks* - arr. Mark Hayes

*** Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Sending Hymn** *Lord of All Hopefulness* Song sheet

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music