

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**2 PETER 1:2-11 AND MATTHEW 24:36-44**

***“KEEPING AWAKE”***

*The Lord is coming. The world is ending.  
Am I aware today or caught up in things that do not really matter ultimately?*

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

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SERVICE OF THE WORD**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

*\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

*Psalm 24:1, 7, 10*

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

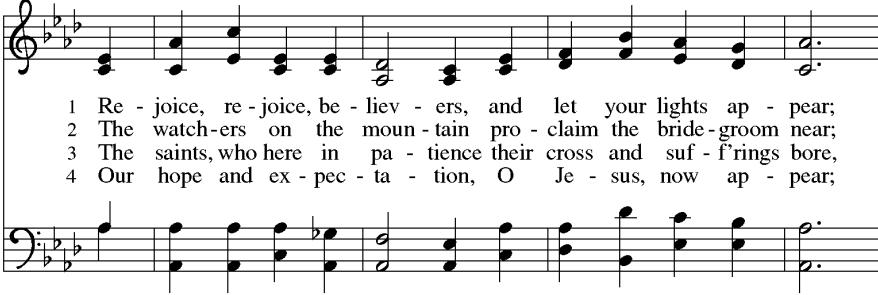
**C: Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

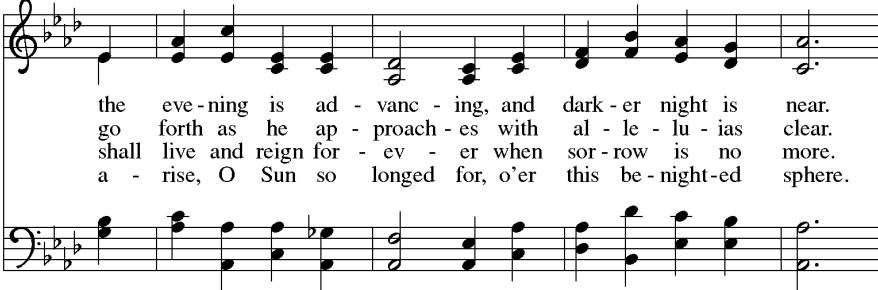
**C: The Lord of hosts is the King of glory! The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

P: Who is this King of glory?

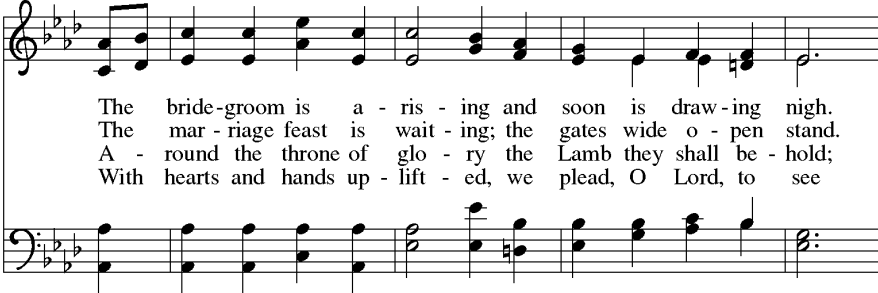
**C: The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907  
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **WORD**

### **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

*“We Lift the Light of Hope”*

### **READING**

Olivia Berghello

Today we begin our celebration of Advent.

On these four Sundays leading up to Christmas,  
we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ.

To help us celebrate,  
we will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath.  
The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World.  
The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us.  
All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

Each Sunday we will light an additional candle.  
Then on Christmas Eve, we will light all the candles,  
including the center one, the Christ candle.  
As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us.  
He is Immanuel...God with us.

On this first Sunday of Advent,  
we light the candle of hope.

Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started.  
Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised.

All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.  
He is our hope, today and forever! (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

# We Lift the Light of Hope

*Please sing as directed*

We lift the light of hope, O God, Your pres - ence burn - ing bright. In

5  
praise we sing the gift \_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_ bring: Our hope com - plete in \_\_\_\_ Christ. In

10  
praise we sing the gift \_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_ bring: Our hope com - plete \_\_\_\_ in Christ.

Words: Ken Bible  
Music: Oliver Holden

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CORONATION  
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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!*

## FIRST LESSON

## ISAIAH 2:1-5

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



1. I was glad when they / said un · to / me, \*  
we will go / into · the / house of · the / Lord.
  2. Our feet shall stand / in thy / gates, \*  
O / -- Je- / ru-sa- / lem.
  3. Jerusalem is / built as · a / city \*  
that is at / uni · ty / in it- / self.
  4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes / of the / Lord, \*  
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks / unto · the / Name of · the / Lord.
  5. For there is the / seat of / judgement, \*  
even the / seat of · the / house of / David.
  6. O pray for the / peace of · Je- / rusalem; \*  
they shall / prosper · that / **love** / thee.
  7. Peace be with- / in thy / walls, \*  
and / plenteousness · with- / in thy / palaces.
  8. For my brethren and com- / pan-ions' / sakes, \*  
I will / **wish** / thee pros- / perity.
  9. Yea because of the house of the / Lord our / God, \*  
I will / seek to / do thee / good.
- Glory be to the Father and / to the / Son, \*
- And / to the / Ho-ly / Ghost.
- As it was in the beginning, is now and / ev-er / shall be; \*
- World without / **end** / **A-** / men.

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

2 PETER 1:2-11

<sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup>**Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature.** <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For anyone who lacks these things is nearsighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. <sup>11</sup>For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

*The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Claim the gift for yourself!*

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : + Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 1:1, Luke 24:32*



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

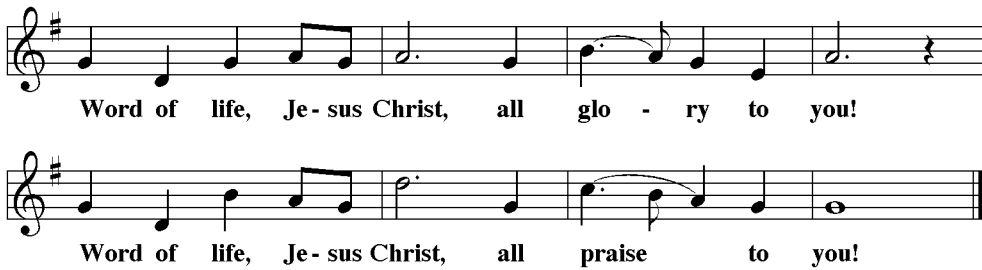


Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



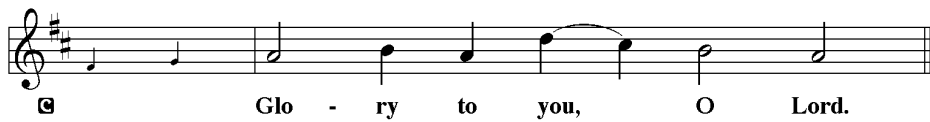


**\*GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 24:36-44**

*Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.*

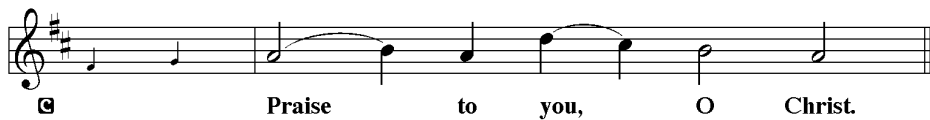
Response after the announcement:



*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



On Godliness  
Watching

**The Law** is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: Am I ready or totally unaware of Christ's coming?

**The Gospel** is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, is coming and will set all things right.

**So What?** Update your emergency supplies. Keep daily prayers remembering Jesus' Cross and looking forward to His second coming.



## \*HYMN OF THE DAY


## "My Lord, What a Morning"

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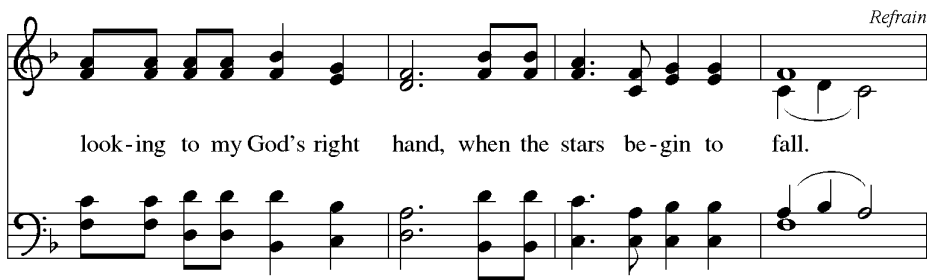
*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,  
 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,  
 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and**

**sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

*2 Corinthians 13:11*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **ANTHEM**

*“Lord of the Stars”*

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Ruth Elaine Schram

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond* **Hear our prayers.**

*Prayers are commended in Jesus’ Name.*

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*THE BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

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\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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## THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director .....	Kathie Riebe
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Acolyte.....	Corbin Brown
Crucifer .....	Harry Swindler
Lector .....	Pam Overcash
Assistant Minister .....	Sylvia Fogle
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR .....	Mark Thornburg

## PARISH NEWS

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST:** If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

**ADVENT EVENING SERVICES:** Are any of you dreading the next number of weeks as Christmas gets closer and closer? How much to spend on gifts? Who to buy for and what to buy? Which parties/events to attend? How to be safe and accepting of each other? This doesn't leave much time to dwell on the "reason for the season". All of us need some balance during the holidays. Part of our balance at Lutheran Chapel is remembering whose we are, and why we exist. We exist to worship the one who gives us life-that beautiful baby in the manger. A wonderful opportunity to worship will be Wednesday evenings November 30, December 7 and 14 at 7pm. This will be a time of worship, prayer, and celebration as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas. Would you and your family worship with us at the Wednesday night Advent Services? We promise there won't be any commercials, it won't cost anything, and you won't gain any weight. We do promise that you will be blessed as we get ready for the birthday of Jesus.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Annual Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, December 4 during the 10:00 worship service.

**WELCA:** There will be a *joint meeting* of the Circles on **Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm** in the **Family Life Center**.

**ANGEL TREE:** The Angel Tree for the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club is up in the Narthex of the church. Please take an Angel, record the number of the Angel(s) you have taken in the book and return the gifts by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot shop but would like to give a donation, please make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel Church and mark *Boys & Girls Club Angel Tree* in the memo line. The Outreach Team will be going to the Club in December for a Christmas party that will include the Christmas Story, crafts, cookie decorating, games, Christmas carols and finally a visit from Santa. Let's make this special for 44 boys and girls at the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club. Thank you so very much...God's Love Is Free! -The Outreach Team

**STAFF GIFTS:** As the end of the year approaches, traditionally we present the Church Staff with a "thank you" gift. If you would like to contribute towards the gift, you can do so by putting it in the weekly offering, mail it, drop it off at the Church Office or give it to one of the Executive Council members - Debra Hoffman, Crown Hoffman, Steve Laws or Ken Obenauf. Please be sure to note "staff gift" on your contribution. The deadline for contributions is **December 8.**

**LADIES NIGHT CELEBRATION:** Please plan now to join us at our Ladies Night Celebration on **Saturday, December 10th @ 6PM in the Family Life Center**. After a couple of years without our annual celebration due to Covid, the Men of the Church are anxious to once again put together a night of good food, fellowship, and great entertainment. Tickets will be available for sale beginning around mid-October. *If anyone is wishing to donate a door prize it would be greatly appreciated.* Let's all make a good effort to come and enjoy a great night together.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWLS-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Sammy's in Dallas on **Thursday, December 15 at 11:00am**. We hope you'll join us!

**2022 CONTRIBUTIONS:** It's time to get your 2022 Pledges up-to-date. All donations to the church must be turned in by December 29 to be properly credited to your account for the year.

**2023 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you'd like to sign up to donate altar flowers for a special Sunday in 2023, please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451.



## DAILY PRAYER

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD.** (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Craig Bess, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Jackie Mango, **family of Lee Norris**, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).*

### FEAST OF PSALMS: *Advent*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b>AM</b>	6, 8	19, 21	33, 40	53, 62	80, 85	96, 98	122, 126
<b>PM</b>	17, 18	24, 25	42, 50	67, 72	93, 94	110, 111	143, 145

### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 48 November 27 to December 4, 2022

**11/27** Morning Reading: 1 Peter 4—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 30, 31, 32

**11/28** Morning Reading: 1 Peter 5—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 33, 34

**11/29** Morning Reading: 2 Peter 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 35, 36

**11/30** Morning Reading: 2 Peter 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 37, 38, 39

**12/01** Morning Reading: 2 Peter 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 40, 41

**12/02** Morning Reading: 1 John 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 42, 43, 44

**12/03** Morning Reading: 1 John 2—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 45, 46

**12/04** Morning Reading: 1 John 3—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 47, 48

**Songs of Praise:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  
“The King of Glory”

ELW #257  
W&P #136

**Wednesday, November 30 ~ Holden Evening Prayer**

Titus 1 *“Who and Whose Are We? Cretan and Child of God!”*

**Thursday, December 1 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

2 Peter 2 *“Godliness”*

**Sunday, December 4 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent-Holy Communion-Congregational Meeting**

1 John 4:7-21 and Matthew 3:1-12 - *“On John the Baptist”*

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**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022**

**Sun-27**    8:30 am    Fellowship  
              9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Worship (Sanctuary)  
              11:30 am    Chancel Choir  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

**Mon-28**    8:30 am    Preschool

**Tues-29**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday

**Wed-30**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              5:30 pm    Handbells  
              **7:00 pm    Advent Service (Sanctuary)**

**Thur-01**    8:30 am    Preschool  
              11:00 am    Story of Salvation Bible Study