

| First Sunday of Advent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                              | November 30, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                            |
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| Chiming of the Hour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | The Children of Highland Park                                                                                | Offertory Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Abby Byrd                                                  |
| Prelude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Emmanuel,</i><br>Mark Stern, Organist & Accompanist                                                       | Offertory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>Divinum Mysterium,</i><br>Mark Stern                    |
| Welcome and Invocation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Rev. Cheryl Kimble,<br>Pastor                                                                                | Doxology, tune No. 104<br>Praise to God, the One who made us.<br>Praise God, Praise to Christ, the soon born Son.<br>Praise the Spirit, ever with us.<br>Praise the Godhead, Three in One.<br>Clear a path! Prepare the way! Advent leads to Christmas Day! |                                                            |
| Call to Worship, Tune No. 618, refrain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Hope Looks Like This</i>                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| Poetry Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | "Blessings of Hope"<br>Abby Byrd, Liturgist                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                            |
| Lighting of the Advent Candle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Abby Byrd                                                                                                    | Special Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>Advent Hymn,</i><br>Kim Sandoval                        |
| Opening Hymn, No. 95                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>                                                                             | Pastoral Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Rev. Walt Shelton,<br>Assistant Pastor                     |
| Passing the Peace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Abby Byrd                                                                                                    | The Lord's Prayer, spoken in unison                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                            |
| One: The Lord be with you.<br>Many: <b>And also with you.</b><br>One: Lift up your hearts.<br>Many: <b>We lift them up unto the Lord.</b><br>One: Now with the power of God's love and in the fullness of God's spirit,<br>please greet one another with the peace of Christ! |                                                                                                              | Scripture Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Isaiah 2:1-5<br>Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements                  |
| Hymn of Peace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>All Are Welcome Here</i><br>Children are invited to the front steps for the children's sermon.            | Sermon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | "Hope: God With the Waiting "<br>Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements |
| Children's Sermon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Rev. Masyn Evans-Clements,<br>Associate Pastor<br>Children 2nd grade and below are dismissed to the nursery. | Anthem                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Hark! A Promise Clear and Bright,</i><br>Choir          |
| Hymn, No. 83                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>                                                                        | Scripture Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Matthew 24:36-44<br>Rev. Cheryl Kimble                     |
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Announcements

Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Benediction

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Postlude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 559),  
Mark Stern*

### Announcements

Thank you Don and Roxanne for taking the lead on the Fall Food Drive and a big thanks to Donna for taking lead on The **Christmas Stockings** for the Baptist Community Center Mission project. We also thank Roxanne for heading the adopt a child **Salvation Army's Angel Tree** project. Thank you everyone for making these mission projects such a huge success.

Orders are now being taken for **poinsettias**. The sanctuary will be decorated with the poinsettias. You are invited to donate one in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. Use the order form or order on-line. The cost is \$12 per poinsettia. Please order by December 8th.

**For the benefit of our kids**, we're going to split up the older and younger kids for Sunday School. Starting November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, children kindergarten and up will go to the Multi-Purpose room for Sunday School and kids PreK and down will stay in the nursery complex. Please help with this effort! Volunteers will be asked to teach and assist in Sunday School. Volunteers for the older kids' classroom will teach the class and facilitate the game, while your assistant, Ms. Ale, will prepare your materials and lead the craft. Materials will be sent to you in advance! Volunteers for the Nursery will help wrangle toddlers and assist Ms. Nina with whatever she needs. You can sign up for as many slots as you can. This is not a every week commitment. Please reach out to Masyn if you have questions or need help signing up. The link to sign up is in your emails from the Church office.

**Plum Pudding** is December 21st. "Talent" is needed for the program- sing, dance, play your instrument, read a story or poem, tell jokes ..... This will be a soup potluck lunch and of course decadent desserts are always welcome.

**Christmas Eve Service**, Carols and Candles, will be at 6:30pm.



*The Worship of God  
on the First Sunday of Advent*

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