

## Upcoming Events and Information

**Sun. Dec 10:** Christmas Concert at Willis Chapel 2:30pm;  
Reception follows at Reager.

**Sun. Dec 24:** Sunday Schedule: Flint Hill 8:45AM;  
Willis Chapel 10:15AM; Sperryville 8:00PM

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**FLINT HILL:** 5 Shelby Welch, 13 Helen Corbin,  
30 Stefanie Johnson

**SPERRYVILLE:** 12 Camron Wayland, Carrington Wayland

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** 13 Jim Costello, 17 Alyson Fox Flint,  
23 Marrley Brown, 26 Bruce Monismith, 27 Richard Burke,  
28 Judy Costello, 29 Alan Fox

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### 7 Messianic Prophecies:

Genesis 17:19; 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89:3-4;  
Psalm 132:11-17; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2

### Liturgical (relating to public worship) Calendar Seasons:

**ADVENT:** 4 weeks prior to Christmas Day (*generally ends at sunset in many traditions on Christmas Eve*). In modern Methodist traditions, Christmas Eve services are generally considered the ending of Advent. This year, with Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, we observe the 4th Sunday of Advent AND the beginning of the Christmas Season. Scholars of church tradition history generally agree that Advent, as a season, has been observed as early as the third and fourth centuries.

**CHRISTMAS:** Christmas Eve through January 6



Rappahannock  
United Methodist Charge



### Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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# RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

**\*Standing (either literally or in spirit remaining seated)**

## PRELUDE

**ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

A voice cries out:

**In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord,**

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**May all the nations shout with joy!**

To all the faithful, to those who turn to the Lord.

**Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord.**

Lord of our redemption, come quickly Lord, come quickly. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (*verses 4,5*)

## OPENING PRAYER

*Lord of all nations, we long for peace in this troubled world. Peace in our families... Peace in our communities... Peace in our lives. Grant us peace as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. May you work through us and shine your light on us, oh Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Come Jesus, Come. Amen.*

**HYMN 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*Isaiah 60:1-3 HOPE*

*Zechariah 9:9-10 PEACE*

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6

**SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:1-8**

**PSALTER: Psalm 85 P806**

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 3:8-15**

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:1-11**

**SERMON “Preparing for Peace”**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will Come Again. Amen.**

## CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

## LORD’S PRAYER

## OFFERING

**\*95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

## SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN 191 Jesus Loves Me This I Know**

**\*HYMN 431 Let There Be Peace on Earth**

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*HYMN Shalom to You**

*The beginning of the liturgical Christian year began with the first Sunday of Advent last week. Preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord includes daily scripture readings, prayer, and service to the Lord. As we prepare, we observe through the lectionary this week’s Gospel message in Mark, the coming of God’s prophet. God sent his messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. May God grant us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Christ Jesus, our Redeemer who lives and reigns with God and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.*