

## Upcoming Events and Information

**Scheduling Change:** Pastor Steve studies at both Sperryville and Flint Hill on hold until further notice.

**Mon. Nov 28:** Choir Practice for 12/11 Concert 5pm WC

**Mon. Nov 28:** Women's zoom study 7PM - Acts

**Tues. Nov 29:** Advent Study with Sandy; FH 10AM; 4wks.

**Sun. Dec 4:** Town of Washington Christmas Parade and Walking Carol sing. Park at High School shuttle to Town of Washington. Meet at Washington Baptist Church 12:30pm

**Sat. Dec 10:** Live Nativity 6-8pm (Red Shed next to library; volunteers needed; contact Judi Burke 540-631-6103)

**Sun. Dec 11:** Guest Concert Pianist during worship

**Sun. Dec 11:** Christmas Concert at Willis Chapel 2:30PM

**Sat. Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Worship (WC Noon, S 8PM)

**Sun. Dec 25:** Charge Worship at Flint Hill Only 10AM

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

**Pastor Jeff Thompson**

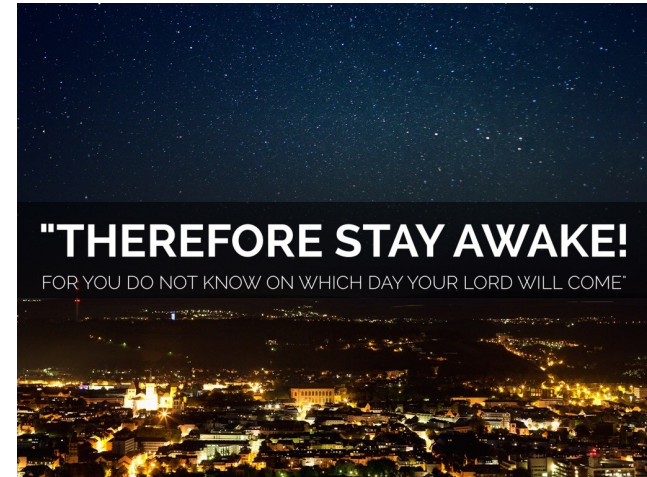
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Rappahannock  
United Methodist Charge



**1st Sunday of Advent**

**“Wake Up!”**

**November 27, 2022**

**Sunday Morning Worship**

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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# RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE

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## ENTRANCE

### PRELUDE

### ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wake up, sisters and brothers, for the actions of God come like a thief in the night!

**God grants us grace to draw near.**

Be ready, Christians, for the comings of Christ are unexpected!

**Christ comes with certainty; Christ comes in mystery;**

**Christ will come again!**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**God of saving surprises, you sent Christ who caught off guard even those who anticipated and expected him, and showered your grace in ways no one could have foreseen. Make us awake and watchful; that, whenever your unpredictable acts of redemption do come upon us, we may be open and receive all of their benefits. In the name of the coming Christ we pray. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN 569 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:1-5**

**PSALTER: Psalm 122 P845**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 24:36-44**

**SERMON "Wake Up!"**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

O Lord, as we begin a new liturgical year, help us to be ready for anything you have in mind because as we know-  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

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

### SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

### \*BENEDICTION

### *ADVENT*

*Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays.*

*Advent derives from the Latin adventus, which means "coming." The season proclaims the comings of the Christ whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each year Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings; historically, the season was marked by fasts for preparation. Each Sunday has a distinctive theme:*

*First Sunday: Christ's coming in final victory.*

*Second and Third Sundays: John the Baptist.*

*Fourth Sunday: The events immediately preceding the birth of Christ.*