

Upcoming Events and Information

Mon. Dec 5: Women's zoom study 7PM - Acts

Tues. Dec 6: Advent Study with Sandy; FH 10AM

Wed. Dec 7: FH Bible Study Paused

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

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Rappahannock
United Methodist Charge



2nd Sunday of Advent "Prepare the Way"

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 4, 2022

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Prepare the way of the Lord.

God's kingdom has drawn near.

Prepare the way of peace.

God's salvation is at hand.

Prepare the way of righteousness.

God's Spirit moves among us.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF YEARNING

Living God, we long to wake from sleep, for your kingdom has drawn near. Already, the axe is lying at the foot of the tree, and we yearn to return to you once more. May our spirits bear the fruit of repentance. We desire the blessings to be found when we respond to the prophets of old by dedicating our lives to you in word and deed. Amen.

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

ADVENT LIGHTING

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:6-10

PSALTER: Psalm 72 P795-796

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON: "Prepare the Way"

INVITATION AND THANKSGIVING P12-15

UNISON PRAYER

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for allowing us to share in this feast as your family and to be fed with the bread of heaven; give us grace that we all may grow in love, glorifying you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN 213 Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates**

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN 666 Shalom to You**

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.