

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- HOPE | NOVEMBER 30, 2025

CENTERING VIDEO	“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”	Enya
OPENING WORDS: Isaiah 2:1-5		
*HYMN	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	UMH 196
WELCOME	Susan Stevens	
CALL TO WORSHIP		
In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.		
In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing and the melody of our lives.		
In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!		
*HYMN	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	UMH 221
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER		
ANTHEM		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24:36-44		
The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God		
SERMON	“Waiting in Hope - Walking in Light”	Susan Stevens
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13		
*CLOSING HYMN	“Glory (Let there Be Peace)”	Matt Maher
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 95

9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS Acolyte: Wyatt Turner Lay Reader: Ushers: Anderson Family	11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS Acolyte: Kasey Barboza Advent & Lay Reader: Cindy Naugle Ushers: Andy Jakab
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NMUMC by the Numbers: November 23, 2025 8:15 AM: 18 9:30 AM: 42 11:00 AM: 44 Online: 23 Children’s Sunday School: 33 Total Offering: \$1,930.00 Regular Offering: \$1,705.00 New Building: \$145.00 Pastor’s Discretionary: \$60.00 Care Team: \$20.00 *Regular Offering Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,060.68 Church Meetings Monday, December 1: 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 PM - ED Building Wed, December 3: New Members Class – 6:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen Wed, December 3: Advent for Beginners – 7:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen Thursday, December 4: Generosity Meeting– 10:00 AM – Pastor’s Office Thursday, December 4: 11:00 AM Choir Practice – 6:45 PM – ED Building Friday, Dec. 5: Christmas in New Market Set Up – 2:00 PM – Schoolhouse Saturday, December 6: Disciple – 10:00 AM – Contact Nick Wood Saturday, Dec. 6: Christmas in New Market – 1:00 PM – Schoolhouse (Parade at 3:30 PM) Sunday, Dec. 7: Confirmation Class – 7:00 PM – Contact Kate Hanson Coat Drive Collection: November 30- March 1 st Please help families in need by donating new, clean, and/or gently used winter coats, scarves, hats, gloves and boots. Contact Susan Stevens for more info: 240-277-2582.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 PM CHILDREN'S CANDLELIGHT
6:00 & 8:00 PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT

Inspire: Advent Devotionals

As the Advent season quickly draws near, it is easy to feel anxiety about all the upcoming festive preparations, but Advent is a season for reflection as well as preparation. Let us stay grounded this season as we prepare with Embrace Joy—The Society of St. Andrew's seasonal devotional booklet.

This year's theme is both waiting and wonder. It's a time when suffering and joy often meet in the same breath, reminding us of God's presence in every moment. This year's Society of St. Andrew Advent devotional, Embrace Joy, offers daily devotions that invite you to open your heart, place your burdens in God's care, and discover joy that runs deeper than circumstance.

Twenty-five daily devotions—all new for 2025— Inspired by Mary's song of praise sung in the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Embrace Joy reminds us that joy is not an object to be gained but a quality of the soul. Our writers this season, pastors and laypersons alike, share reflections that shine with joy, even in the midst of struggle.

Used by hundreds of congregations across the U.S., this devotional is more than a spiritual resource. It's also a way for your community to join SoSA's mission of feeding the hungry, reducing food waste, and building caring communities that reflect the love of Christ.

Whether you enter Advent brimming with joy or longing to rediscover it, Embrace Joy is for you.



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