



WESLEY
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Weems, Virginia

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19 NIV

November 30, 2025
The First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Hymn #271 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: Keep awake. Be ready. For the Son of Man is coming.

All: Thanks be to God! We will worship and prepare.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we delight in this season of preparation! Help us turn our hearts and minds to focus on you, anticipating the coming birth of Jesus. Call us to center in on your yearning for all your beloved creation to know full life. Receive our highest hopes as we begin a new year with you, eager to become more faith-filled followers of Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

Hymn #249 Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer of Confession

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgement and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace amid our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings**Doxology****Prayer of Dedication**

Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives. Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ's ministry. May these gifts help to free the captives, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, heal the wounded. As Christ's hands and feet, use us too, in service to building your beloved community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #278 Angels We Have Heard on High**Prayer for Illumination**

Savior God, guide us by your Word and Spirit that we might hear your truth, heed your call and be prepared for Christ's coming this Christmas. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Children's Church**The Lighting of the Advent Candle****Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 9:2-6

Psalms 130:5-7

Hebrews 6:16-20

Sermon: Our Greatest Hope**Hymn #572 Blessed Assurance 1st verse****Holy Communion****Hymn #277 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing 1st & Last Verses****Benediction**

Sending Song: May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever

Announcements

Bazaar News:

Sunday, November 30 – after the church service, we need help to move tables and chairs for the bazaar set-up.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec 1 & 2, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: We'll need help setting up the items for the bazaar.

(Wednesday, December 3, 1-4 p.m. if needed: possible help finishing setting up.)

December 5th, 6th, and 7th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday): **Christmas Bazaar**

Please support Wesley by volunteering to help and/or donating items for our ONLY fundraiser for 2025!

Flyers are located on the table as you leave the building. Take a few to hand out to friends and family and to (legally) hang in banks, post office, etc.

If you have gently used Christmas Holiday decorations or items you would like to donate, or even items that can be repurposed for the bazaar, for example: lanterns, wreaths, ribbons, candles, floral picks – you can drop them off in the Fellowship Hall. Text or call Cheri to schedule a drop off time.

The volunteer positions include cashier, greeter, and setting up in the week prior to the event.

Baked goods and soups have been very popular in the past. Our bakers and soup makers are very much appreciated!

Contact Cheri 703-203-6202 with questions