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**\*If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to [zionlexpk@gmail.com](mailto:zionlexpk@gmail.com) by Wednesday.**



***“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”***

***Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

***Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor***  
***Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent***  
***LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop***



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## ***First Sunday of Advent***

***\*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

***Prelude~ “I Don’t Mind Waiting”***

***Welcome***

***Candle Lighting Reading: O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication:***

***All: Come, and deliver us and tarry not.***

***Second Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God’s call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.***

***Sung Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel~ #211 UMH Verse 4 (see insert)***

***\*Opening Hymn~ “All Hail King Jesus” (medley)  
#227 AAHH***

***Opening Prayer***

***\*Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650  
AAHH***

***Prayer of Illumination: Speak to us this day, O Lord. Visit us with your Wisdom, overshadow us with your Spirit, and let it be with us according to your Word: Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.***

## ***Ready to Join?***

*Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and the date for you to join.*

## ***What are our membership vows?***

*Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to covenant with God and the local church members to keep the vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and reception into membership in the local church.*

*These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

*Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_*

*Address \_\_\_\_\_*

*Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_*

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### **Mark your Calendar**

**Poinsettias are available for purchase at \$8 each until December 7th.** To order, write "poinsettia" on your offering envelope. Starting November 23rd, you can fill out a form to dedicate your poinsettia "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special. The flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on December 13th and will be available for pickup after the Christmas Eve service. Names will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin and E-news.

**Hanging of the Greens. Join us after worship after worship today!** Together, we will decorate the sanctuary and reflect on the meaning behind our decorations through songs and scripture. Parents and grandparents, please bring your children and youth to help out this Sunday! Light refreshments will be served.

**The Unified Board meeting is on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm via Teams only.** We will be voting on the 2026 Budget. All members are invited to attend.

**Annual Christmas Jingle is on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** from 12 to 4 pm at First Saints-St. George's Campus. Tickets are \$60. Contact Sis. Kim Scriber or. Sis. Karen Camp.

**Outreach ministry** requests that, starting on the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month beginning this November**, members bring the following items: tuna fish, salmon, chicken, corned beef, mayonnaise, and/or relish. Please place these items in the box located in the social hall.

### **\*The Scripture Readings**

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5:** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**\*Psalm Reading~ Psalm 122, Psalter #845 UMH; Sung Response (R): Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!**

1. I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
2. **Our feet were standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
3. Jerusalem is built as a city  
and is bound firmly together,
4. to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD as it was  
decreed for Israel.
5. **Thrones for judgment were set there,  
the thrones of the house of David. R**

6. *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!*  
***“May they prosper who love you!”***

7. ***Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!”***

8. *For the sake of my relatives and friends,  
I will say, “Peace be within you.”*

9. *For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good. R*

***\*Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14:*** *Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the LORD Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

***Hymn of Preparation~ “Soon and Very Soon” - #706 UMH***

***\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44:*** *“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your LORD is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known*

*in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

***Proclamation~ Lay Minister Kevin Harris***

***Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH***

***Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

***Announcements***

***\*Benediction~ Lay Minister Kevin Harris***