# Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II with Confirmation & Reception

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 7, 2025 10:00 A.M.



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Feeding the Hungry
Welcoming the Stranger
Being Transformed by God

#### Welcome to this morning's worship and the Season of Advent!

Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, which is the first season in the church year. Advent is a special time of preparation, hope, waiting, and expectation for the coming of Christ.

#### Prelude

#### **Opening Hymn** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymnal 75

#### The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 299

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Betsy, Eric, and Eleanor Seaton

Reader We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Peace. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation.

All O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

O come, O come, Emmanuel (vv. 3-4, sung by all)

Hymnal 56

#### The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### The Children's Procession

Children in grades K–5 are invited to children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the classroom hall for Godly Play (K–2) and Kids of the Kingdom (3–5), returning for the announcements.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (3 times) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine! Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (3 times) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

#### The Word of God

#### The Hebrew Bible Reading (Please be seated.)

Isaiah 11:1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### The Psalm (sung by all)

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Anglican Chant by Jerome Meacham



#### Chanting the Psalm

Move to next note after / and \* and at each new verse. When last verse begins with +, sing from + in the chant.

Give the King your justice, O / God, \* and your righteousness to the King's / Son;

That he may rule your people / righteously \* and the poor with / justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, \* and the little hills bring / righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the / people; \* he shall rescue the poor and crush the op-/ pressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon en-/dure, \* from one generation to a-/nother.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown / field, \* like showers that water the / earth.

In his time shall the righteous / flourish; \* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no / more.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of / Israel, \* who alone does wondrous / deeds!

+ And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever! \* and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. A- / men.

The Epistle Romans 15:4–13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual Hymn (standing, sung by all)

Blest be the King whose coming (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 74

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1–12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn (sung by all)

Blest be the King whose coming (vv. 3-4)

Hymnal 74

The Sermon (seated)

The Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman

#### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP p. 415

Bishop The Candidates for Confirmation and Reception will now be presented.

Priest I present Sherry Chappell for Confirmation.

I present Yvonne Michel, Judith Howle, and Roger Manuel to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### The Baptismal Covenant (standing)

BCP p. 304

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

#### **Prayers for the Candidates**

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have

overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for

ever. Amen.

#### **For Confirmation**

Strengthen, O Lord, this your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. *Amen.* 

Sherry Chappell

#### For Reception

We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen*.

Yvonne Michel, Judith Howle, Roger Manuel

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy

Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### The Peace

#### **Announcements**

#### **Diocesan Prayer for Mission**

Most gracious and loving God: Strengthen the hearts of your people in this diocese that loving you with our whole heart, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we might, in the power of the Spirit, obey the call of Jesus, to go into our world as disciples making disciples, and making a difference through your saving love. Amen.

#### The Holy Communion

#### **Offertory Anthem**

People, Look East arr. Stephen Caracciolo

People, look east, the time is near

Stars keep the watch when night is dim,
For the crowning of the year.

One more light the bowl shall brim,
Make your house fair as you are able,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today,
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Love, the Star, is on the way.

Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there.
Him who brings new life to earth.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in time the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today,
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today,
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

#### At the Presentation

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v. 3

Today's offering will be designated for the Bishop's discretionary fund. Checks can be made to "Diocese of NC."

#### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

BishopThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.BishopLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus Hymnal S–130

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

#### The Breaking of the Bread

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.

#### **Communion Hymns**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came	Hymnal 265
Creator of the stars of night	Hymnal 60
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming	Hymnal 81

#### Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

#### The Blessing

#### **Closing Hymn**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

#### **Postlude**

Today we welcome the Right Reverend Sam Rodman, our diocesan Bishop, for our annual visitation. After worship, please join us in the Parish Hall for a reception and conversation with Bishop Sam, and our St. Nicholas visit and blessing of gifts.

Acolytes: Sam Inman, Jonathan Spinks, Holden Troutman, Will Troutman. Readers: Deb Richardson, Craig Taylor. Chalicists: Stephen Inman, Barbara Lawless. Ushers: Lee Eanes, Joe Graves, Nancy Kimbrough, Roger Kimbrough, Sandy Shelton. Greeter & Newcomer Host: Jon Anderson. Verger: Debbie Dowd. Altar Guild Members: Pat Baker, Beth Berger, Nancy Bishop, Susan Brannan, Mary V. Compton, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant, Carolyn Hackett, Anne Jones, Laurinda Stokes, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. Livestream Team: Phil Barrineau, Virginia Haskett.

**The flowers at the altar today** are given to the glory of God in memory of Harry and Anne Stowe, by their children; and by Fred Johnson, in memory of his beloved husband, Steven Loch.

*The rose on the altar today* is offered in celebration of the birth of Pascal Macmillan.

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#### **We Pray For**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

Those on our parish prayer list: Norma Bullock, Traci and Erik, Jeff Cummer, Betty Atwell, Mack Baker, Lauren, Martha and Jim Kaley, Nancy O'Donnell, Tina Sink Gangi, Heather, Victoria, Pauline Tatum, Jim Tatum, Pia, Katelyn Flowers, Jeannie Phillips, James, Madeline Colavito, Hilary Towle, Sarah Sellers, Sue Keith, Myra Stephens, Derek, E. MacKenzie, Carolyn Ritchie, Glenna Ohaver, Susan Seaton, Karl Towle, Heidi Dohmeier, Donnie Robertson, Barbara Van Cleve, Nancy Antrim, Bert and Bev, Mary Lou Strohl, Frank Tatem, Faye Thompson, Ethan Shoffner, Paul, Karen, Sabrina, John Bald, Keats, Alicia, Gloria, Jo, Julie Dameron, Lynn Hayworth, Gayle Aiken, Denise, Vicky, Barbara Cole, Patrick Miller, Terese Southern, Jordan, Laura Shinn, Anne Collins, Bill Hill

Seminarian: Ryan Waide

**Special concerns:** The people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, and Sudan; Jamaica and all those impacted by recent storms

**Those serving in our military:** Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

The departed: Glenda Myers, sister of Corinth Milikin

Those expecting: Martin and Samantha Kappauf, due January 2026; Sean and Olivia Toso, due March 2026

Birth: Pascal Macmillan, son of Emily Dixon and Alex Macmillan, on December 4, 2025

Birthdays: Lowell Adkins, Hattie Frye, Sally Marion, Ryan Revell, Lois Simon, Mary Hanna Wilcox

Prayer requests can be sent to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at parish@standrewsgso.org or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please let Susan know. Please also email Susan with birthdays or anniversaries for the bulletin.

#### <u>Today – Second Sunday of Advent</u>

#### You're Invited to a Reception & Conversation with Bishop Sam—Right after Worship (Parish Hall)

All are invited to the Parish Hall right after worship. Bishop Sam looks forward to sharing updates from the diocese and taking your questions, and we will serve coffee and refreshments.

#### Our St. Andrew's Sprouts are Helping to Spread Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love this Advent Season

This Advent our preschool through fifth graders are spending their Children's Ministry time on a series of outreach projects to help those experiencing homelessness and hunger in our community. Last week, we packed blessing bags to hand out to neighbors in need, and today we are collecting items for the IRC\* Holiday Supply Drive and making Christmas cards for their guests. Next week, we'll collect nonperishable goods for St. Andrew's Burgundy Bag Ministry. When you see little people walking up with the ushers during the Offertory these weeks, they are bringing up our children's offerings of love, hope, and joy to be blessed along with the offering plates. (\* The IRC is Greensboro's Interactive Resource Center.)

#### St. Nicholas' Visit and Blessing of the Hope for the Holidays Gifts—Right after Worship (Parish Hall)

Today we also will have a special visit from St. Nicholas to coincide with the blessing of our Hope for the Holidays gifts. (St. Nicholas may bring gifts for the children, too!) Please bring your unwrapped presents and gift cards to the Parish Hall so they can be delivered to the Children's Home Society this week. Our "last chance" gift drop-off is this Tuesday, December 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., in the office. Contact Susan Brannan at <a href="mailto:susanbrannan@hotmail.com">susanbrannan@hotmail.com</a> with any questions.

EYC, We're Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas—Tonight, 5:00-6:30 p.m. & Wear Your PJs! (Herman Hall) All middle and high schoolers are invited to gather in Herman Hall for a White Elephant gift exchange, holiday party, and dinner, tonight at 5. Bring a wrapped gift of \$10 or less, wear your Christmas PJs, and get ready for lots of festive fun! Also—save these dates for more December gatherings:

- Dec. 14, 3:00–4:00 p.m.—6th-8th Graders, our next Middle School Meetup will be a volunteer shift at Barnabas Network. We'll follow that up by joining up with all Greensboro area EYC–ers. (See next item.)
- Dec. 14, 5:00–6:30 p.m.—It's our annual wonder walk through Sunset Hills' famous light balls! Middle and high schoolers will stroll with our EYC neighbors and enjoy a parking lot party complete with s'mores and marshmallows.
- Dec. 21, 9:45 a.m.–12:15 pm.—Our EYC time on this day will be helping with our Nativity Pageant before and during 10 a.m. worship, followed by a Birthday Party for Jesus after worship.

#### Announcements

#### Thank You for a Most Successful Deck the Halls 2025

Our incredibly hard working and spirit-filled community at St. Andrew's once again came together to make Deck the Halls a lively, colorful, warm, and welcoming witness to Greensboro, demonstrating that we are a church engaged with our community and committed to mission. With gratitude, we celebrate all of the parishioners who gave so generously of themselves to carry on the tradition, to Share the Love. Thank you also to all who came to support and enjoy the event and its offerings. **Please Return Your Yard Signs:** If you helped us by displaying a yard sign, please return it outside the office door across from the Chapel. We will use them again next year.

#### Sign Up for Our Advent Quiet Day with Brunch – This Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Deborah Chapter of the Daughters of the King is excited to announce our Advent Quiet Day! All parishioners are invited to this event this Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Come join us for an Advent time of breathing, fellowship, and brunch. RSVP to Barbara Van Cleve at <u>bvancleve@triad.rr.com</u>.

You're Invited to Lunch and Breakfast at Green Valley Grill—December 11 at 1:30 p.m. & December 19 at 8:30 a.m. Join St. Andrew's friends for our next Green Valley Grill gatherings, this Thursday at 1:30 for lunch, and December 19 at 8:30 for breakfast. RSVP to Charles (drgandolf2003@yahoo.com, 336-279-4556) ASAP for lunch and by December 16 for breakfast.

#### Last Week to Submit Your Christmas Flower Gifts and Tributes—Due December 14

Each Advent, Christmas Flower envelopes are placed in the pews for honorary and memorial donations expressly for the Altar Guild, to help cover costs of special services and day-to-day altar needs. Donors and tributes will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. To give, place cash or check to St. Andrew's, with "Altar Guild Christmas Flowers" on the memo line, in the envelope and put in the offering plate. Or submit the online flower form in our eNews. If submitting by mail, print, "This donation for Altar Guild Christmas Flowers is



given by \_\_\_\_\_ in memory of / in honor of \_\_\_\_\_." All donations and tributes must be received in the office by **December 14.** 

#### Walk in Love—Now is the Time

Thank you for your abundant generosity. We are preparing the budget for next year. If you have not yet pledged for 2026, please join us in our **Walk in Love** giving campaign so that St. Andrew's can continue to grow in Christ's love and compassion. Our Pledge Commitment form is online at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WalkInLove2026">https://tinyurl.com/WalkInLove2026</a> or using the QR code at right. To request a pledge card, email Susan at <a href="mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org">parish@standrewsgso.org</a>. Please know that every gift is appreciated. Each gift matters.



Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1–2

#### Save the Dates! Our Annual Meeting is February 1, 2026—Leader Reports are Due January 11

Our Annual All-Parish Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, February 1, 2026. Leaders are asked to submit reports (and photos) to Susan Frye at parish@standrewsgso.org by January 11, 2026. Early reports are welcomed.



### Look for the Light this Advent & Christmas Season!

St. Andrew's Advent and Christmas Calendar

Dec. 13, Sat. Advent Quiet Day & Brunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dec. 14, Sun. Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, 10 a.m.

Dec. 21, Sun. Fourth Sunday of Advent

Contemplative Eucharist, 8:30 a.m. (Chapel) Worship with Children's Nativity Pageant, 10 a.m.

Birthday Party for Jesus, after church

Dec. 24, Wed. Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Festive Eucharist, 6 p.m.

Prelude music begins at 5:45 p.m.

#### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Bring a Friend! Our Advent Lessons and Carols Service is December 14 at 10 a.m.

Join us on the Third Sunday of Advent for our Advent Service of Lessons & Carols. This service consists of scripture readings interspersed with choral presentations and hymns, all of which recall mankind's longing for liberation from sin and death, and our hope and expectation for the coming of Christ the Lord. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story unfolds gradually and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. A harpist and violinist will accompany our carol service this year. May the words and music of this service draw you toward the true joy of Christmas.

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Our Christmas Pageant Will Be on Sunday, December 21 at 10 a.m. (But arrive a little early.)

We invite all children to be part of a special service on the fourth Sunday of Advent, including a "pop-up" nativity pageant. Everyone is welcome to participate, with no rehearsals necessary. Just arrive at church a few minutes early, pick a costume, and you'll be ready to help make the story of Christmas come to life. After worship we will have a birthday party for Jesus. Join us in the Parish Hall!

#### Christmas Eve

#### Join Us for Christmas Eve Worship at 6 p.m.! — Arrive at 5:45 p.m. for Prelude Music

Our Christmas Eve service will be a Festive Eucharist with prelude and service music from our choir and guest brass musicians. We look forward to singing Silent Night by candlelight. Please note that Nursery and Children's Ministry will not be offered on Christmas Eve. All children are invited to join us for worship in the sanctuary.



#### **Advent Resources**

We are happy to offer you a printed devotional booklet as well as online resources for study and reflection throughout Advent.

# • Living Well Through Advent 2025: Practicing Generosity with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind, from Living Compass

Printed copies of this booklet are available at church, and you can also download the booklet or sign up to receive devotions as daily emails at *livingcompass.org/advent*.

#### • AdventWord Daily Meditations Series, from Forward Movement

This inspirational online Advent calendar features daily prompt words from the Sunday Lectionary readings. Visit adventword.org to subscribe or read devotions online.

#### • Advent Reflections, by Kate Bowler

Kate Bowler is committed to seeing the world the way it really is and practicing hope in the midst of our struggles. In Advent, this looks like pushing back the darkness one light at a time. To receive her Advent devotionals, sign up for her Substack at https://katebowler.com/advent/.

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