

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

ADVENT 1

December 1, 2024

WE SET OFF

Prelude J. J. Niles

“I Wonder As I Wander”

Gathering & Announcements

Enter the Light of Christ Acolytes

Call to Worship Choir

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

*[You are invited to read the bold text]

Leader: The journey begins, and this candle will help light our way.

People: We are on our way to more hope.

Leader: Decrees and decisions affect our world and our lives as they did in Jesus’ day.

People: We are a people who long for Good News.

Leader: There are milestones that guide us; we are not alone.

People: God’s light goes before us; we are not alone.

*Hymn UMH 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*The Peace Pastor Cheryl

CHILDREN SHOW US THE WAY

Children’s Time Pastor Cheryl

Donkey Video 1: *Donkeys are helpers.*

[Children are invited to Sunday School.]

Anthem Chancel Choir

“An Invitation to Advent”

THE PLACE AND ITS MESSAGE

Scripture Reading Carolyn Trezevant

Romans 8:18-25

Rome: A Place of Longing (Hope)

Luke 2:1-3

Message Rev. Cheryl Murray

And It Came to Pass

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

Invitation to Giving Pastor Cheryl

Offertory R. S. Widmer

“Prelude on the Sussex Carol”

*Doxology UMH 217

(Tune of Away in a Manger)

COMMUNION

Invitation to Christ’s Table

Confession/Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The Lord’s Prayer

Praying after Receiving

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Proclamation for Our Continued Journey

*Hymn UMH 156

“I Love to Tell the Story”

*Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

*Choral Benediction Choir

“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude J. G. Walther

“O Thou of God the Father”

* **Stand as you are able**

Mission of the Month

The December Mission of the Month is Operacion Abrigo. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with “Operacion Abrigo” in the memo line, will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select the Mission of the Month.



Upcoming Activities

- December 1 -Angels are available for Angel Tree
Prison Ministry
- December 3 -Men's Breakfast at Texas Cafe at
8:00
-Women's Study Group at 3:00
- December 4 -Country Home Estates Service at
2:00
-Advent Study at WOW! at 5:45
-Adult Choir at 7:00
- December 5 -Serve Team at 10:30
-First Thursday Lunch-Tamales and
Mexican Fiesta at 12:00
- December 7 -Christmas Parade line up begins at
4:30. Please join us! Nativity theme

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Tricia Dempsey
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children's Director	Ashlyn Woods
Youth Director	Jamie Bourcy
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Choir Director	Meagan Jones
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano

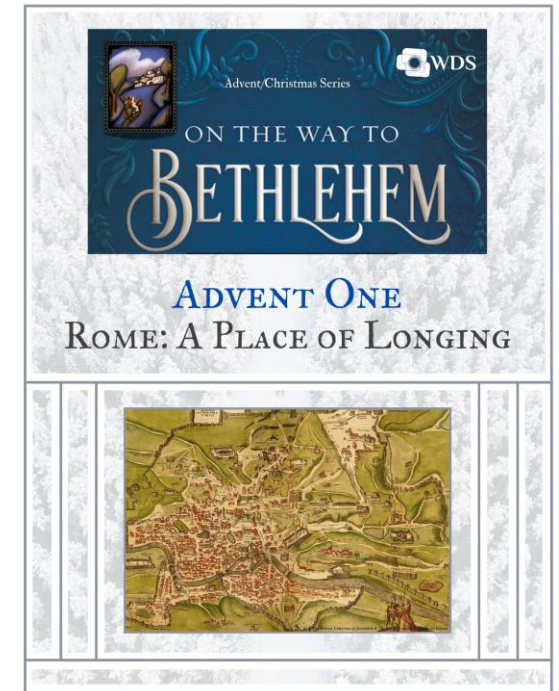
Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray, Pastor
Meagan Jones, Music Director
John Burkett, Organist
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader



Our world, country and leaders

- All affected by the war in the Middle East
- Family of Billie Patterson
- Bill Knutson (hip replacement)
- Debbie Dunham
- Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth Warren
- Rev. Sam Caldwell (hip replacement)
- Orvis Reynolds
- Judy Rudoff
- Diane Garcia
- Bill Heitholt
- Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts' mother
- Danny Duncan
- Mike Smith
- Betty Martin
- Anna Blohm
- Wyman Williams
- Rose Stapleton
- Carlos Rickman
- Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- Jack Gray
- Richard Young
- Glenda Helton
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Manuel Harrison
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie & Judy Cortea
- Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
- Robert Seay
- Rita Thompson



First Sunday of Advent

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 10:00 am. Sanctuary