

# UPCOMING DATES to REMEMBER

Card Party	Tuesdays at 11:00 AM
Second Sunday of Advent	December 7 <sup>th</sup>
Communion	December 7 <sup>th</sup>
Leadership Team Meeting	December 8 <sup>th</sup> 11:00AM

TODAY'S LITURGIST: Bob Kinser  
TODAY'S USHER: Annabelle Wilson  
ORGANIST: Jesse Sabo

Next Week's Liturgist: Jill Keller  
Next Week's Usher: Jim & Chris McCourt



Susan Kasper Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Keith Butler Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

Attendance Last Sunday: Present in Sanctuary –42; Phone-Ins – 2

*Call in number to Sunday service is (440) 462-2193.*

OR Join our Zoom Meeting using a computer, tablet,  
or smart phone with an Internet connection at our website,  
AmherstChurches.org. When the home page comes up click on the blue  
“Click here” link and the Zoom connection will come up.  
Doors are locked every Sunday at 10:40AM if you are running behind please  
ring the door bell and someone will let you in.

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Amherst United Methodist Church

November 30, 2025

First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME!

We're so glad you have come to join us as we worship  
God together. We hope you are blessed by the time  
you spend with us.



## MISSION STATEMENT

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the world

November 30, 2025

PRELUDE: “Thank We All Our God” Jesse Sabo

Advent Candle Lighting

First Reader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God’s reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God “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 anymore” (Isaiah 2:4).

**All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God’s reign has come and is coming among us.**

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.

*Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.*

Second Reader: [Leads Opening Prayer]

**Lord, your arrival changed everything. Thank you for coming to restore, renew, and set all things right again. Fill us with your hope, this holiday season, and give us the courage to share your hope with others. This we pray in Your Holy Name. Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
#139UMH

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL AND LORD’S PRAYERS

**1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING:** Jeremiah 29:11-14 #677PewBible

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** “God That Madest Earth and Heaven”  
The Singing Saints #688UMH

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

## DOXOLOGY

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

## CHILDREN’S CHAT

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”  
#196UMH

**2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 9:6-7 #593PewBible

**SERMON:** “Hope Has A Name”

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” #204UMH

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** “This Little Light of Mine” Jesse Sabo

\*Indicates for all who are able to please stand.  
**Our Continued Prayers For**  
The Kastl Family,  
Lee Wynne, Phyllis Fravel  
and senior members in assisted living facilities.