

A Message from the Pastor....

Advent, a term derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “arrival”, marks a deeply significant season in the Christian calendar.

Spanning the four weeks leading up to Christmas, it is a time of preparation and anticipation, inviting believers to reflect on the dual meaning of Christ’s coming: his humble birth in Bethlehem and his promised return as the eternal king and righteous judge.

At its heart, Advent is a season of hope. The lighting of each candle on the Advent wreath symbolizes, drawing near to the light of Christ, breaking into the darkness of the world. The circular wreath of evergreen reminds us of God’s unending love and the eternal life offered through Jesus. Each candle represents the key theme – hope, peace, joy, and love – serving as weekly reminders of the transformative power of God’s promises.

Advent ultimately leads to the celebration of Christmas – marked by our candlelight service on Christmas Eve – when God’s promise is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus even as this moment is one of great joy, advent keeps hearts anchored to the ongoing hope of Christ second coming. This dual focus gives the season is profound depth, blending joy with reflection and expectation with fulfillment. I hope you make plans to be present each Sunday beginning on November 30th!

Ron

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Introduction to Advent
Scott & Kristi Warren

Symbols of the Season– Advent Wreath
Lighting of the Advent Candle/ Reading
The Nevels Family

Lay Reader
Susan Savage

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Symbols of the Season– Crismons Tree
Lighting of the Advent Candle/ Reading
Gwen & Jimmy Ellis

Lay Reader
Cindy Nelson

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Symbols of the Season– Evergreens
Lighting of the Advent Candle/ Reading
The Baricev Family

Lay Reader
Crystal Dewey

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Symbols of the Season– The Nativity
Lighting of the Advent Candle/ Reading
The Webster Family

Lay Reader
Gary Bryant

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025

Lighting of the Advent Candle/ Reading
The Galle Family

Lay Readers
Alicia Green

Thom Thetford
Scott Holden
Myrna Lynne Baricev

Nancy Green
Paul Lebatard
Asa Schmidt

*Please contact Kristi Or Bro. Ron if you’d like to serve as a reader or usher during the Christmas Eve Service.

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13




*Mt. Pleasant
Methodist Church*

**2025 Advent Season
Calendar & Events**

Advent Season 2025

*Sunday School, 8:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> Introduction to Advent Hymnal Dedication Missions Committee Mtg after Worship	1	2	3 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Discipleship Committee Mtg, 4:30/ Sanctuary WNT- dinner, 5:15pm **Choir Practice, 7p.m.	4 Seashore Missions Meal-WMMC	5	6 Men's Christian Fellowship & Breakfast, 8 a.m.
7 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Blue Christmas Service- 5p.m.	8	9	10 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. WNT- dinner, 5:15pm **Choir Practice, 7p.m.	11 Sassy Saints Christmas Luncheon 11:30 Hosted by The Judys'	12	13
14 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Children's Christmas Program, Morning Service Churchwide Christmas Party following Worship	15 WMMC Meeting & Christmas Party 10 a.m.	16	17 Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. WNT- dinner, 5:15pm **Choir Practice, 7p.m.	18	19	20
21 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> Choir Christmas Special, Morning Service	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5pm		26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Come & Go Prayer, 4-6 Communion, 6pm	<i>Blue Christmas- A Service of Hope; a softer, quieter service to remember those we have lost, acknowledge what we are missing and put our emotions at the foot of the cross. ~ A light meal & compassionate fellowship to follow ~</i> December 7th at 5pm		