Celebrate Advent with the West Virginia Conference!



Join laity across the West Virginia Conference in celebrating the Advent season through a special daily devotional series beginning Thanksgiving Day. Take time each day to reflect, prepare your heart, and grow in faith throughout the season.

Read the daily devotionals: https://www.wvumc.org/devotions?topic=64748

Subscribe to receive daily emails: https://wvumc-email.brtapp.com/subscribe?id=2621

Christmas Bonus for Our Staff

Spruce Street Church family, our staff is a blessing. These talented, kind, and faithful people share the good news of the Kingdom of Christ from 386 Spruce Street to the city, county, state, nation, and world, and each one strengthens our ministry. As we enter Advent, Christmas, and the holiday season, please consider giving them a gift. All gifts will be pooled and divided equally among Bonnie, Judy, Marguerite, and Tara.



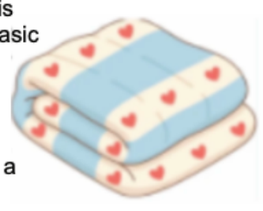
Please give generously and keep them in your hearts and prayers.

Peace and Blessings,

The SPPRC of Spruce Street UMC

GIFTS OF LOVE

Thank you for supporting this ministry. In addition to our basic needs, we need some lightweight blankets and more linens. We also have a few special requests: a dresser, kitchen chairs, and a small dining room table.



United Women in Faith Cookie Sale



Get a head start on your holiday baking! United Women in Faith is hosting a Cookie Sale with pre-orders available through **December 6**. Cookies are $12 per dozen or $6 for a half dozen, with a variety of favorites to choose from. Checks may be made payable to SSUMW. Pre-orders will be available for pickup on December 13, with a limited selection of cookies available for purchase that day.

Order forms are available in Seeker's Hall!



Advent Study

Mark your calendars! Join us for a special Advent Study on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 12:00–12:50 PM. Lunch will be provided! We hope to see you there!

Christmas Presence

Join us as our Spruce Street UMC Chancel Choir presents an Advent Cantata by Pepper Chaplin next Sunday, December 6th during both worship services.



Pastor Bart's D.Min. Project Team Meetings

Meetings will take place on December 5th and 12th from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM.

If you want to come learn about spiritual formation practices the time will be open to those who are prayerfully curious.

We will meet at the parsonage - 1344 Winona Ave, Morgantown, WV 26505.

All notices for the bulletin are due on Mondays each week and for the newsletter they are due by the 24 of each month.

Welcome to Spruce Street United Methodist Church



"A Church at the Heart of Morgantown with a Heart for Morgantown"

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10:45 am Service on WCLG-AM 1300 or Morgan 92.1FM
Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/sprucestreetumc/
Audio Live Streaming: http://mixir.com/sprucestumc/

1st Sunday of Advent **November 29, 2026** **8:30 & 10:45 AM**

WELCOME TO SPRUCE STREET CHURCH

We are glad you are here. Whether you are here for the very first time or a lifelong member of Spruce Street United Methodist Church, you are welcome. May this day be filled with God's presence and blessing.

2026 SSUMC Attendance & Stewardship - November 22, 2026
80 In Person / 201 Online / Radio Est. 1440 / Offering $4,656.87 Budget $4,879.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Radio Broadcast: In loving memory of Rev. Bill, Matt, and Joellen Turley - Penny Turley

Altar Flowers: Happy Birthday Roy T. Thompson, from Bart and Martha

Refreshments: Kent (8:30)

Liturgist: Greg McCracken (8:30) & Martha Ognibene (10:45)

Prayers for the People of God

Connie Gaspar
Cheryl Poling
Dawn Yost
Michael Hubbard
Ernie Carlson
Tim Moats
Chasity Goodwin
Penny Turley
Susan Presley
Chrissy Rodeheaver
Janet Kennedy
Judy Harman
Marlin Robinson
Amanda & Cody Mcallister

Prayer updates can be shared with Carolyn Carr. Remember to check the newsletter for our long term prayer list.

THIS WEEK AT SPRUCE STREET UMC	
Sunday, November 29	
8:30 AM	Worship Service (In Person)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service (In Person & Radio Broadcast)
Monday, November 30	
5:00 PM	Quota meeting
Tuesday, December 1	
12:00 PM	Advent Study

Lectionary Readings Sunday, December 6th

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15
Mark 1:1-8



The Church in Worship

Congregational Responses and Prayers are in bold italic print
† Congregation Standing (as you are able)

Prelude

Announcements and Welcome

Vision Prayer (on screen)

A Litany of Blessing for the 2027 Pledge Campaign (on screen)

† Call to Worship — Liturgist

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

† Hymn No. 2100 (TFWS) "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Hanging of the Greens — Liturgist

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again, the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Glory to God in the highest!

Blessing of the Tree — Liturgist

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath — Pastor Bart

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

Come, Lord Jesus.

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, and the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, may this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,

Come, Lord Jesus.

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting Advent Candle 1 (on screen)

PROCLAMATION

First Reading (insert)	Isaiah 64:1-9	Liturgist
Choral Anthem	"Come, Emmanuel"	by Twilia Paris
Children's Moment		Pastor Bart
Second Reading (insert)	Isaiah 40:1-11	Pastor Bart
Gospel Reading	Mark 13:24-37	Pastor Bart
Sermon	"Stay Awake"	Pastor Bart
† Hymn No. 211 (UMH) verses 1&2	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People (on screen)

Prayer of Confession (on screen)

WORSHIPPING THROUGH GIVING

Invitation to Give

Offertory

†Doxology Hymnal No. 95 (Unison) "Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Thanksgiving (on screen)

The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal No. 895

† Hymn No. 196 (UMH) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

SENDING FORTH

Blessing

Beloved of God, keep awake! Stay alert! Pay attention to God 's work all around you.

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Postlude