

EDISTO ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
P.O. BOX 485
EDISTO ISLAND, SC 29438

December 8, 2024

second sunday of
ADVENT



Pastor: Kevin Stroop
Worship Service: 9:00AM

“Enter To Worship, Depart to Serve!”

Blessing of the Greens

2nd Sunday of Advent - Purple

December 8, 2024

Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” - Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Arise, Shine”

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship – Litany of the Greens

Leader: How can we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King? "

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ?

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

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, our savior?

People: With arrangements of holly and ivy, symbolizing His passion, death and resurrection.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the Son of God?

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

Leader: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

People: All Glory to God in the highest!

*Hymn of Praise “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*back of bulletin*) Andy Fairey

Blessing of the Chrismon Tree - The Chrismon tree was developed by Frances Kipps Spencer, a member of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia in 1957. Since that beginning, they spread the idea to churches all around the globe, always with the same promise: that the symbols are never to be made for sale. A Chrismon tree is always a gift, and always a labor of love..

Let us Pray: Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of Your salvation. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

Pastoral Prayer excerpt from “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Dedication "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

UMH 196

*Pastoral Benediction

*Postlude

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

His name is called Emmanuel

God with us, revealed in us

His name is called Emmanuel.

**Indicates when those who are able in the congregation to stand.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-6 - ¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.'"

ADVENT READING

Luke 3:2-6 : “ during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.””

(Lighting of the Peace Candle)

During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family’s schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord’s coming and our celebration of Christmas. Faith communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion during the Advent season. Today, we are reminded how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Perhaps as a family, gather in a prayerful space, possibly around the family Advent wreath. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Then celebrate God’s forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

Let us Pray: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. As we remember the call of John the Baptist to repent, we acknowledge that your Kingdom came in Jesus the Christ. It is in Christ that we receive forgiveness when we repent, and it is His new Kingdom we prepare for now. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters: Al Gantt & Rich Gochnauer

Potluck/Fellowship is today after church service. Our hostesses are Bonnie Langley and Kayne Gantt. All are welcome to join us.

CALENDAR – 2024

Monday – Nancie’s Clothes Closet – 10AM-1PM & 2PM-5PM

Tuesday, December 10 – Pancakes with Santa – 6-7:30PM

Wednesday, December 11 – UMM 8AM, Trash 9AM

Thursday, December 12 – Godwin-Pate Circle – 11AM

Sunday, December 15 – Christmas Cantata – 9AM

Christmas Eve Service at WMUMC – 6PM

Church Office Closed December 24, 25 & 26

PRAYER LIST

George Windish

Evan McMillian

Thomas Tindall

Buff Yelton

Ethelynn Boozer

Tiff Tootle

Dennis McCollum

Dawn & Berry Wren

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