

Advent Wreath Lighting 2025

Deacon Kent Smith

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday in Advent

Deacon: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

All: How does this happen?

Deacon: God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

All: "Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

Deacon: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness," (Jer. 33:14-16).

Deacon: Today, we wait for the coming of Jesus. We begin in the dark, and on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle... known as the candle of HOPE.

Deacon Family Member (Lighting the Candle)
(Lighting the 1 PURPLE CANDLE) ...

Deacon: Every week in Advent, we will light another candle. Each candle that we light will remind us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

All: The Kingdom of God is drawing near. May we prepare our hearts with God's peace, God's justice, and God's love.

Deacon: Closing Prayer



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*We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus
by receiving His love and His church's ministries.
Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.*

11am

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 77 vs. 1 & 2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYMN OF PRAISE * 202 vs. 1 & 4 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAYER**

Sharon Warren, Deacon

**HANGING OF THE GREENS
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Kent Smith, Deacon

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:23

Brielle Ayers

HYMN OF OFFERING * 197 vs. 1 & 4

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

**OFFERTORY PRAYER
OFFERING**

Sharon Warren, Deacon

DOXOLOGY*

Hymn 253

**SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:14
MESSAGE "Behold (The Children)!"**

Rev. Anthony Riedel
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HYMN OF INVITATION * 406
(please use your hymnals)

"The Solid Rock"

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING CHORUS * 174

"In the Name of the Lord"

"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19
Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another.

**Congregation Please Stand*

CLOSING CHORUS # 174
"In the Name of the Lord"

There is strength in the name of the Lord;
There is pow'r in the name of the Lord;
There is hope in the name of the Lord!
Bless—ed is He who come in the name of the Lord.

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