

The Chapel in the Pines

December 1, 2024

**Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

The First Sunday of Advent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week
are given to the Glory of God by Fred Young
in celebration of his wife Phyllis Young's birthday.**

Gathering Music

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Invocation

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever...Amen.**

*The Call to Worship

Adapted from Jeremiah 33

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
When I will fulfill my promise to my people.
**Justice and righteousness will fill the land
and all will live in peace and safety**

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise

Adapted from Psalm 25

To you, O God, I pray. Don't fail me, Lord, for my hope and trust is in you.
**Show me the path where I should go, O Lord;
point out the right road for me to walk.**

Lead me; teach me; for you are the God who grants me salvation.
I have no hope except in you.

**Overlook my sins, O Lord!
Look at me instead through eyes of mercy and forgiveness...
through eyes of everlasting love and kindness.**

The Lord is good and glad to teach us the proper path to light and life.
God will teach the ways that are right and best
to those who hope and trust in God's name.

**And when we obey him, every path he guides us on
is fragrant with God's loving-kindness and truth.**

*Hymn

#124 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and, also with you!

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Call to Confession Adapted from Luke 21

The Prayer of Confession Adapted from Psalm 25

**Lord, have mercy on us.
We are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin, as though there were no justice.
We live in fear, as though there were no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your truth and teach us your paths
for you are the God of our salvation**

***The Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Hymn** #120 *The Advent of Our God*

- 1** The Advent of our God
With eager hearts we greet;
And we must praise Him in this hour
With hymns and anthems sweet.
- 2** All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free;
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

Amen.

**The Ad-vent of our God with ea-ger hearts we greet,
and we must praise Him in this hour
with hymns and an-thems sweet.**

**All glo-ry to the Son, who comes to set us free,
with Fa-ther, Spir-it, ev-er One
through all e-ter-ni-ty.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah...I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David...

***Hymn** *The Days Are Surely Coming*

- 1** The days are surely coming,
Says God to all the earth,
When you will see my promise;
Salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice
Will spread throughout the land
And you will be delivered
By my almighty hand.
- 2** The days are surely coming,
Says Christ, the promised one,
When you will read my warning
In moon and stars and sun.
Through earth and heaven tremble,
Stand up and do not fear
For I am your redeemer,
And I am drawing near.
- 3** The days are surely coming
When we will know at last
The fullness of God's presence,
God's promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice
Will spread throughout the land
And we will be delivered
By God's almighty hand.

Prayer of Illumination

Adapted from Psalm 25

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near...

The Choir's Anthem

Homily Old Stump with a New Branch

The Prayers of the People

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #241 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

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| <p>1 Lo, He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.</p> <p>2 Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.</p> | <p>3 Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear:
All His saints, by men rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air:
Alleluia! alleluia!
See the day of God appear.</p> <p>4 Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O, come quickly, O, come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down.</p> |
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Amen.

***The Charge and Benediction**

***The Choral Benediction**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, Rev. Gary Sawtelle, David Tourt, Baby Owen Daniels, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hegeman, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Paul Infuso, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, Gary McCaskill, Ryan Hoan, and Rev. Bill Cain.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Glenda and Jo Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill, Ma-ma Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Shirley Percival, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Peggy Olson, Kristen Thompson, Sue Van Horne, and Bart Reuter.

December Announcements

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-December 1	9:00 am	The First Sunday of Advent
	1:30 pm	Movie "A Christmas Carol" with George C. Scott
	3:30 pm	Advent Afternoons—The Redemption of Scrooge
Wednesday-December 4	2:30pm	Fran's Friends
	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
	4:30 pm	Christmas Cantata Practice
Thursday-December 5	4:00 pm	Darkness to Light Service
Sunday-December 8	9:00 am	The Second Sunday of Advent
	3:30 pm	Advent Afternoons—The Redemption of Scrooge
Tuesday-December 10	6:00 pm	Bunco4Missions
Wednesday-December 11	4:00 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
	4:30 pm	Christmas Cantata Practice
Saturday-December 14	7:45 am	CITP Men's Fellowship
Sunday-December 15	9:00 am	The Third Sunday of Advent
	3:30 pm	Advent Afternoons—The Redemption of Scrooge

Coffee Fellowship



December

12 - 1 Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
12 - 8 **Volunteer Needed**
12-15 Sue Dell'Acqua & Helen Scholl
12-22 **Volunteer Needed**
12-29 **Volunteer Needed**

Altar Flowers

December

12-1 Fred Young
12-5 Helen Scholl
12-8 Johanna Moran
12-15 Lydia Litteral
12-22 Alice McPheeters
12-24 **Volunteer Needed**
12-29 **Volunteer Needed**



Birthdays

December

Sunday—1 Phyllis Young
Thursday—5 Bob Donaldson
Thursday—5 Peggy Reuter
Saturday—7 Worth Singletary





The Chapel in the Pines Advent Schedule for 2024



Sunday, December 1

Worship on the First Sunday of Advent - Hope 9:00
Advent Daily Devotions begin by email

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study invites the congregation 1:30
to the showing of the 1984 film version of *A Christmas Carol*.
Popcorn and Fellowship are free for all.

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #1 - *Bah! Humbug!*

Thursday, December 5

A Service of Darkness to Light with Holy Communion 4:00
Followed by a Soup, Bread, and Dessert Covered-Dish Supper

Sunday, December 8

Worship on the Second Sunday of Advent - Peace 9:00

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #2 - *The Remembrance of Christmas Past*

Sunday, December 15

Worship on the Third Sunday of Advent - Joy 9:00
Holy Communion

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #3 - *The Life of Christmas Present*

Saturday, December 21

Christmas Cantata - *Beautiful Star* - Chapel in the Pines 3:30

Sunday, December 22

Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love 9:00

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible Study 3:30
Session #4 - *The Hope of Christmas Future*

Christmas Cantata - *Beautiful Star* - Bensalem Presbyterian 6:00

Tuesday, December 24

A Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Candles, and Communion 4:00



Movie



A Christmas Carol, Starring George C. Scott

Join us in the Fellowship Hall



Sunday Afternoon
December 1, 2024
at 1:30 p.m.

