



# **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE**

*The Fairest of Roses*  
Trumpeters: Kent Foss and Nathaniel Maxwell

Frederik Magle

**INTROIT**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus      Jefferson (Southern Harmony)*  
*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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.*  
  
*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.*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Compton Family

Leader: Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.  
*The candle is lit.*

Leader: We put our hope in the one to come,  
the promised one who comes from God to bring the Good News of salvation.  
We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the Lord.  
We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.  
We light this candle in hope.

People: **On this day, we remember to look with hope for the coming of Christ.**

**\*HYMN NO. 82**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Hyfrydol*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Holy God, you are the anchor amidst our fears.**  
**You know the sins we can't even admit to ourselves.**  
**You show your faithfulness even when we reject you.**  
**You offer grace even when we offer judgment.**  
**Forgive us, God.**    *(Confession continues next page.)*

Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Help us overcome our fears.**

**Help us face all of our sins.**

**Help us to be faithful.**

**Help us to be full of grace.**

**Remind us that we are a people of redemption, not a people imprisoned by our sins.**

**And help us to live as people of hope, shaped by your forgiving love.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**\*THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rory and Amy Dillon

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** O God of all people and Lord of every nation,  
let your Word ring out from the mountains  
and your Spirit shine forth in the earth,  
so that all may hear your teaching, and all may do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our hope. Amen.

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 2:1-5

(Pew Bible OT page 631)

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

Rory and Amy Dillon

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 24:36-44

(Pew Bible, NT page 28)

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

John Weicher

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

*"The One and Only Train"*

John Weicher

**HYMN NO. 90** (sung three times)

*Wait for the Lord (Psalm 27)*

*Wait for the Lord*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!" The score includes a final double bar line with a repeat sign.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

## NEW MEMBERS SERVICE OF WELCOME

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Mindy Douglas

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*

John Weicher

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer

Song of Welcome (Hymn No. 306, verse 1; all sing)

*Dennis*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.*

*The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

## A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR PENELOPE OLIVIA GUNN

Mindy Douglas, John Weicher

### Words of Scripture

#### Introduction

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Penelope Olivia Gunn to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

#### Questions to the Parents:

Pastor: Candace and Ben, do you desire that your child be baptized?  
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith  
and to teach that faith to your child?

Parents: We do.

#### Questions to the gathered Children:

Pastor: Do you promise to be a friend to Penelope?  
If she gets lost, will you help her find the way?  
If she falls down, will you help pick her up?  
Will you share with her the stories of Jesus?

Children: Yes.

#### Question to the Congregation:

Elder: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ,  
promise to guide and nurture Penelope by word and deed,  
with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ  
and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: We do.

## Thanksgiving over the Water

John Weicher

## Baptism

Mindy Douglas

Anointing

John Weicher

Introduction

Mindy Douglas

Presentation of Baptismal Quilt

Jane Wettach

WELCOME SONG

*God Welcomes All*

*Themba Amen*

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for a welcome song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Music

*Slane*

James Curnow

(The *Hunger for Change Offering* will be received at this time.)

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 108, verse 6)

*Divinum Mysterium*

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore!*

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Amy Heit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Amy Heit

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

(Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving)

(in unison) . . . 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*When All Is Ended*

*Sine Nomine*



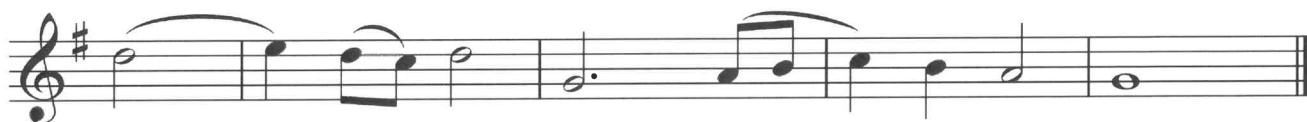
1 When all is end - ed, time and trou - bles past, shall  
 2 As in the night, when light - ning flick - ers free, and  
 3 A - gainst all hope, our wea - ry times have known  
 4 With all cre - a - tion, pain and an - ger past,



all be mend - ed, sin and death out - cast? In  
 gives a glimpse of dis - tant hill and tree, each  
 wars end - ed, peace de - clared, com - pas - sion shown, great  
 e - vil ex - haust - ed, love su - preme at last, a -



hope we sing, and hope to sing at last:  
 flash of good dis - clos - es what will be:  
 days of free - dom, ty - rants o - ver - thrown:  
 live in God, we'll sing an un - sur - passed



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*BENEDICTION**

John Weicher

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Sonata in D minor, first movement*

Dietrich Buxtehude



**Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.**

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and ability to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the ***Friendship Pad***, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

*We welcome new members Ben Gunn and Candace Knotts Gunn and Andrew Whiteman* in worship today. Ben, who grew up in Durham, and Candace, who grew up in Bear Creek, NC, are married and live in Durham. Ben is a stay-at-home dad to seven-month-old *Penelope* who is being baptized today. Candace attends NC State University and is a research associate with Elo Life Systems. Ben's parents, *Pam Gunn* and *Rev. Wilson Gunn* and Ben's grandfather, *Julian Boswell*, are Ben's connections to FPC. Ben and Candace are joining FPC by reaffirmation of faith. Andrew is from Raleigh and grew up in the Presbyterian faith. He is a professional guitar player and active with FPC's Meaning in the Middle (MnMs) fellowship group. He is joining FPC by letter of transfer.

*Special thanks* to *Gordon Campbell*, *Kent Foss*, and *Nathaniel Maxwell* for sharing their musical gifts with us in worship today.

The *sanctuary table* upon which the Advent Wreath sits was made by *George Danser* and is given to the church by him and his wife, *Jean Cary*. George has drawn design features from our communion table and used oak removed from the sanctuary during our renovation and from a tree in their backyard that Jean saw get hit by lightning some years ago.

*Advent paraments:* In 2012, First Presbyterian Church commissioned internationally known fiber-artist Laurie Wohl to design and create two paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. The text on the Advent parament, in Hebrew and English, is from Isaiah 12:3: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." The text on the lectern parament is from Luke 1:78-79: "The dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to guide our feet into the way of peace." We are grateful that the bequest of Anne 'St. Clair' Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

*Hearing Assistance Receivers* are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

*Childcare:* A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. *Activity bags* are available in the foyer for children.

*Restroom locations:* To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

*Today's texts* were taken from *Feasting on the Word* (Year A, volume 1) and *Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal*.

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## **A Hope-filled Tradition Continues**

For over a decade, FPC, in concert with Human Kindness Foundation, has assured that every person on NC's Death Row receives the simple dignity of being remembered during the holy season of Advent and Christmas with a card. **On Monday, November 28, from 6:30 p.m. until done, you are invited to the Henry home (1407 Arbor St) to continue this quiet, hope-filled tradition.** There will be snacks, cider, and lots of paper and pens. Come help for as long as you are able. Contact Beth Brockman if you can come. 10-12 people are needed. There are currently 135 persons on NC's Death Row.



## ~ JOYS AND CONCERNS ~

**Congratulations** to *Arthur Clark* who will observe (and celebrate) his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on tomorrow, November 28.

*Paul Cornsweet Susan Cyr Kerry Holbrook Lee House Rebekah Jakel Chris James  
Jancy Johnstone George Kafula Mitzi Leshner-Thomas Franzi Rokoske Carol Wills*

### Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: *Arthur Clark*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe*

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

*Liz Block*, cousin of Jane and Bill Brown

*Bob*, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

*Grace*, Chris James' great-niece

*Karen Shelton*, mother-in-law of Dawn Carsey Shelton

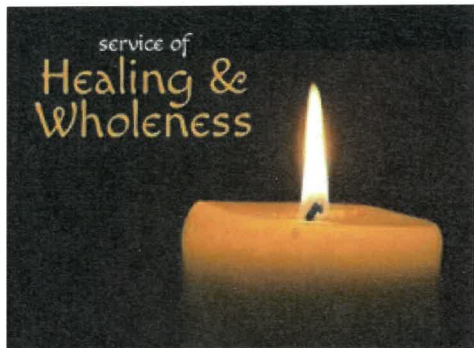
*John Wakefield*, cousin of Vernon Neece

*Robert Bloom*, father of Tom Bloom

*John Carter*, brother of Conrad Carter

*Diane Lesman*, friend of FPC

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss



### **Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**

Is your heart heavy with grief and loss? Do you need a space for communal grieving? Come join us as we sing and pray together, recognizing that God is with us in our grief and loss, and that we are a community that holds one another up in prayer and hope. As we celebrate Advent, come recognize the ways that God is with us in our grief. We do not walk this road alone.



### **New Member Sunday – December 11 –**

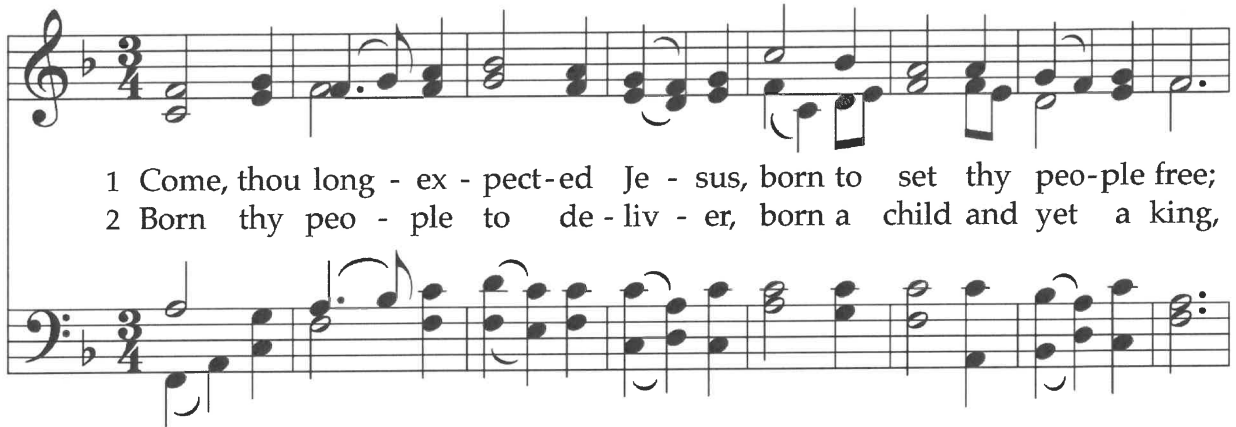
Contact *Mindy Douglas* (pastor) if you are interested in joining the church. Membership is a sign of your deep and ongoing commitment to the mission and ministries we are a part of at First Presbyterian Church as we seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus. We are glad

you are here and would love to welcome you as a member of the church!

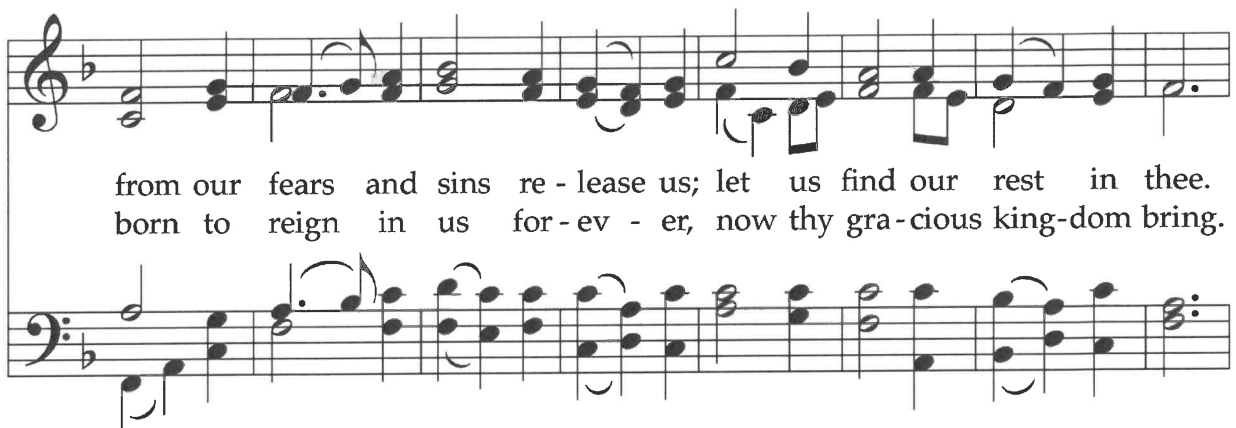
**Inquirers' Classes – December 4, 11, 18 – 9:45-10:45 a.m.** Education Building, Second Floor l(room 202) – Whether you are a new visitor to FPC, a new member, or a long-time member who wants to learn more, join us for classes on Reformed worship and the liturgical year, Presbyterian theology and polity, and life and ministry at FPC (Class is not required for membership. Open to anyone.).



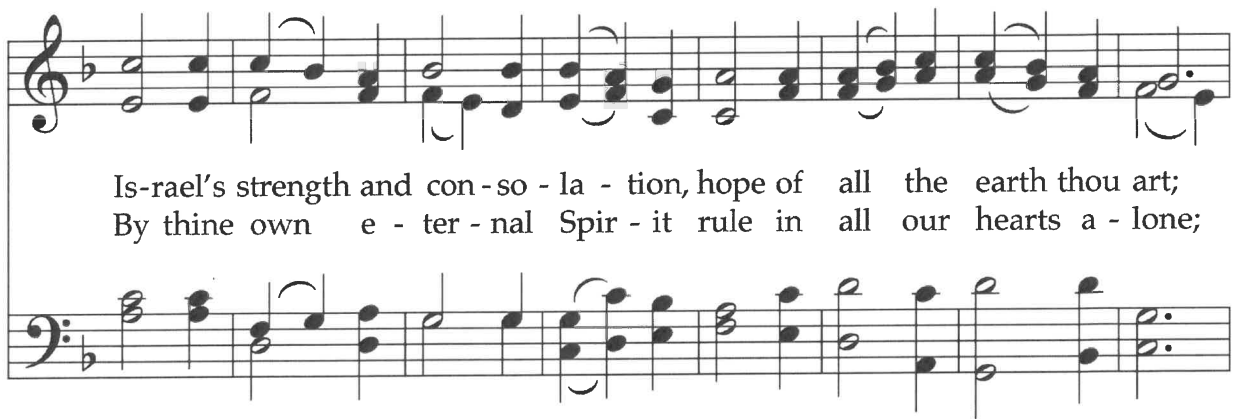
# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.



## THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

**Thank you for your offering today!**

# **Advent Season at FPC!**

## **December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent**

**Faith Formation Classes (all ages) – 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship with Communion- 11:00 a.m.**

**Guest soloist: Ginger Jones**

**A Service of Healing & Wholeness - 4:00 p.m.**

## **December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent**

**Faith Formation Classes (all ages) – 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship - 11:00 a.m.**

**New members will be introduced during worship.**

**Christmas Pageant – 5:30 p.m.**

**Potluck Supper followed by a Sing-along – 6:00 p.m.**

## **December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Faith Formation Classes (all ages) – 9:45 a.m.**

**Worship: A Service of Lessons and Carols – 11:00 a.m.**

*The Christmas Joy offering* will be received during worship.

## **December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**Communion and Candle Lighting Service - 5:00 p.m.**

An offering will be received for Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry  
and FPC's Walk-in Ministry.

## **December 25 - Christmas Day**

**No Faith Formation Classes**

**Worship with Communion - 11:00 a.m.**

The *Hunger for Change Offering* will be received.

## **January 1- Epiphany**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

**New Year's Day**

**No Faith Formation Classes**

**Worship – 11:00 a.m.**

<b>Later Today</b> <b>12:15-1:15 PM</b> Youth Group Lunch  <b>8:00 PM</b> MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)	<b>Monday, November 28</b> <b>No Walk-in Ministry</b>  <b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship  <b>5:30 PM</b> Diaconate (via Zoom)  <b>7:00 PM</b> Session	<b>Tuesday, November 29</b> <b>Newsletter today</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel  <b>6:15 PM</b> Book Study: Hope  <b>7:00 PM</b> Duke Chorale Christmas Concert at Duke Chapel (Admission: one canned food item)	<b>Wednesday, November 30</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> Book Study: Hope  <b>1:00 PM</b> Program Staff Meeting  <b>7 PM</b> Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday, December 1</b>  <b>9:00 AM-12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry  <b>6:00 PM</b> Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel	<b>Friday, December 2</b>	<b>Saturday, December 3</b>	<b>Sunday, December 4</b> <i><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></i>  <b>9:45-10:45 AM</b> Faith Formation classes for all ages  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship & Communion  <b>4:00 PM</b> Service of Healing and Wholeness  <b>5:00 -7:00 PM</b> Youth Group  <b>8:00 PM</b> MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)
<b>December 2-4</b> <b>Youth Service Retreat (Charlotte)</b>			

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Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate  
Omar Guess, Sunday Morning Sexton  
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Bowers Heit, Pastoral Associate  
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