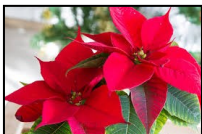


Christmas Schedule 2023

December 10 - Pageant at the 10:30am service
December 16 - Greening of the Church - We invite all from the church to come and help decorate.
December 17 - Lessons and Carols at the 10:30am service. Reception to follow in the Commons.
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm
December 31—Morning Prayer one service at 9:30am

Remember or honor a loved one with Christmas flowers to bring added beauty to our worship space this Christmas. We are asking a donation of \$25 for the flowers. Please use the envelopes in the basket on the round table and clearly write the name of your loved one(s) exactly how you would like it printed. Or email the church office with your names. **Last day to submit names will be Sunday, December 17th.**



**Financial Status as of
December 4, 2023**

Contrib. Rec'd this week . . . \$5,643
 Avg. Wkly Contrib. Needed
 \$6,325
 Rec'd YTC \$305,123
 Spent YTD \$242,068

If you have questions about your pledge or other contributions, call Rosemary Clark, our bookkeeper, at 443-2070 on Monday or Thursday afternoons.

If you are behind in your pledge, please consider catching up. If you have a question about your pledge, or wish to pledge, please contact Rosemary.

**The Church office will be closed
December 25 - January 2, 2023.**

Angel Tree is live!
 Please call, email, or stop by the front office to pick your angel. All gifts must be wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 17th.



Serving *Next Sunday*, Advent 3, December 17

8:00am

LAY: Tim Knapp
LEM: Tim Knapp

Acolytes: Lessons and Carols

Greeters: Tommy Parker and Elizabeth Hunter

Ushers: Dan Melnyk and Don Mucci

Pantry Volunteers: Terry Shackelford, Linda Hutcheson,
 and Jim and Dotsy Royal

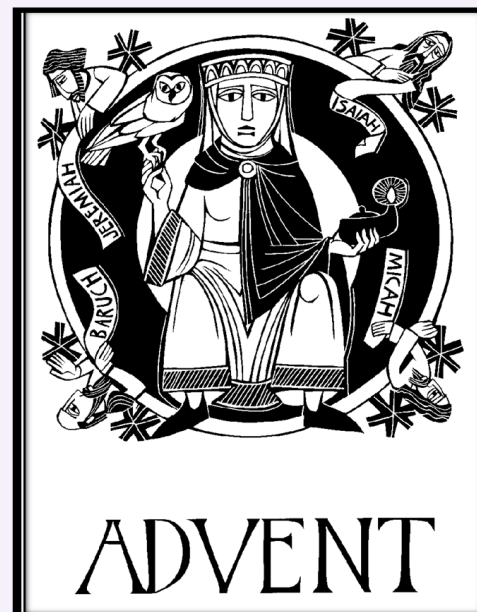
“For God is not unjust, he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.” Hebrews 6:10

10:30am

Lessons and Carols

**St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church**

301 South Circle Drive
 Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804
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The Second Sunday of Advent

*Give us grace . . . that we may greet with joy
 the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer...*

Advent II Year B

December 10, 2023

8:00 AM Rite I

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Sentences p. 323

Collect of the Day *insert*

The Lessons

First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Second Lesson 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The Homily The Rev. Daniel Pinell

The Nicene Creed p. 326

The Prayers of the People p. 329

The Confession p. 331

The Peace

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I p. 333

The Lord's Prayer p. 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Administration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Post Communion Prayer p. 339

Final Blessing and Dismissal

During the Administration of the Eucharist, all baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacraments.

All persons are welcome to come forward



*The greenery on the altar
are given to the Glory of God
by Ashley and Maria Newcomb
In celebration for Landon's 14th birthday.*

Going Deeper Into the Season of Advent

Advent is a time of preparation, of patience, of remembering what grounds and sustains us. The function of Advent is to remind us who God is and who we are meant to be. Advent is about the riches of emptiness. God coming as an infant without servants or riches is the metaphor of a humility that requires us to remember how really small we are in the universe. In our secular culture, a tone of wanting more, spending more, and accumulating riches on earth surround us.

As Christians, we long for our society to live up to God's vision, for the kingdom to come in its fullness outside of materialism. The cry of Advent, "Wake up! Be alert! Watch for his coming" is difficult with all the coming and going of the season. We can practice some simple, but not easy, disciplines. We can fast from the media in order to become more aware of God's still, small voice. We can focus on the giving of ourselves to God. Plan to spend time apart from the busyness of the season each day so you can be alert to God in the silent, the small, and the simple.

Prayer Requests

Elsie	Kat	Wayland	Ernie
Bill	Patricia	Chris	Janet L.
Lisa O.	Shirley	Johnny	Luke
Christine	Blake	Barbara	Brad B.
Janice	Rachel	Linda T.	Sheryl
Roger	Jinx	Joyce	Steve
Judy			

Serving in our Armed Forces: Sean, Veronica H., Jericca S., Matt K., Eric O., Fletcher, Jonathan K., Will M., Rodney M., Jeffery B., Adam M., James W., and for all Veterans of the United States.

For those who have died: Sue and Rick Harrington