



From the Pastor

Advent is a season observed by most Christian denomination as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity or birth of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

The four Sundays of Advent are the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. The name was adopted from Latin *adventus* ('coming; arrival'), translating the Greek *Parousia* from the New Testament, originally referring to the Second Coming.

The season of anticipates the "coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming.

Practices associated with Advent include daily Advent Calendars, lighting an Advent Wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional, erecting a Chrismon Tree, lighting a Christingle, or Christ Candle, celebrating the birth of Christ, the light of the world. Other ways of preparing for Christmas include setting up Christmas decorations, and in some traditions, a custom that is sometimes done liturgically through a hanging of the greens ceremony.

One of the Hymns sung during the season is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Emmanuel is word or name in Hebrew which means "God with us.". In the New Testament, the name is given to Jesus, who is believed to be the fulfillment of the prophecy:

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
O come, Thou Bright and Morning Star, And bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night And turn our darkness into light.
O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid all our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.

The first Sunday of Advent will be December 1 and will continue for three more Sundays. Each Sunday we will light a candle. As part of the Christmas Eve service, we will light the traditional Christ Candle as we sing Silent Night.

Plan to be with us as we worship through the Advent season and gather on Christmas Eve. Blessings abound!

Pastor Roger

Glades' Events for December 2024

1. Worship & Communion, 10:30am

- 1. Healing Meeting, 12pm
- 2. Session Meeting, 6:30pm
- 4. Bible Study, 10:30am
- 7. Greening of the Church, 9am

8. Worship, 10:30am

- 11. Bible Study, 10:30am
- 14. Lessons in Carols, 5:30pm

15. Worship, 10:30am

- 15. Christmas Gift Exchange, 12pm
- 18. Bible Study, 10:30am

22. Worship, 10:30am

24. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30pm

29. Worship, 10:30am

Glades' Celebrations for December 2024

- 3. Lisa Rubian's birthday
- 25. Jesus' birthday!
- 29. Ryan Bullock's birthday

DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

Terry Crout -

Jim & Celeste Hamilton
Laura Dorn
Carmen Gomez
Edith Vislocky
Laurie Jenkins
Ellie Wan
Tom Serro
Beverly Newland

Laurie Jenkins-

Babbs Dahms
Gail Bower
Edith Vislocky
Bill Eltringham
Carmen Gomez
Gretchen Schrieber
Marilou Lehner
Wayne & Mimi Walker (Alicia & Lucia)
Wesley & Dania Marinan (Alex & Francis)

Ellie Wan -

Eric, Ellen, Addison & Ryan Armstrong
Mini Dookhan
Yvette Tiritto & David MacRae
Debbie & Keith Berman
Premela Dookhan
Kitty Lai

Laura Dorn -

Didi Deary
Beth Diente
Connie Steward
Marlene Kappes
Musfig (Mush) & Nancy Khan

Celeste Hamilton -

Cathy & Dan Wantz
Pat Wilkins
Rowena Avrich
Lauren Romeo
Ozcan Feyzioglu
Santosh & Lalitha Mathen
Ryan Bullock

Carmen Gomez -

Terry, Cheryl & Ryan Crout
Don & Elaine Hulse
Renata, Lydia & Michael Trager
Linda Fabiani & Barry Marcus

Edith Vislocky

Neyda Rodriguez
Ed & Brenda Romeo
Frank & Liz Romeo
Karen Sanchez
Ellie Wan
Laurie & John Jenkins

Deacons:

Class of 2025:

Laura Dorn (1)

Class of 2026:

Celeste Hamilton (2) & Ellie Wan (1) & Terry Crout (1)

Class of 2027:

Carmen Gomez (1) & Laurie Jenkins (1)

Elders:

Class of 2025:

Jim Hamilton (2) & Gretchen Schrieber (1)

Class of 2026:

Rowena Avrich (1) & Ed Romeo(2)

Class of 2027:

Bill Eltringham (2) & Marilou Lehner (2)

If you have any needs or questions, please contact your Deacon or an Elder.

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Choir: The Choir is ALWAYS looking for more beautiful voices in ALL vocal ranges, from bass to soprano! Please call either Gretchen Schrieber or Renata Trager.

Men's Group: Every second Thursday evening at 7pm, men from Glades and other nearby churches meet at Duffy's (Mission Bay) to discuss Christian topics. If you would like to join us, or if you have any questions, please call or text Jim Hamilton.

Help Needed: We are currently short-staffed for voluntary positions on the Worship and Outreach committees, as well as Liturgist. If you would like to be a part of keeping the weekly services running smoothly, or would like to reach out to others in the community, please see an Elder. Thank you!

Healing Prayer Meeting: A monthly healing prayer meeting (on Communion Sundays) will be held immediately after the service. All who need healing prayer or support are encouraged to attend. The meeting should last approximately 15 minutes. It is facilitated by Terry Crout.

Prayer contact: romeobren@yahoo.com

Emergency contact: Laurie Jenkins

The Month In Photos: November 2024

