

Announcements

Hanging of the Greens—Plan to stay after worship today to decorate our sanctuary and church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands are needed to make the season bright.

Advent Candle Lighting—Help is needed to light the Advent Candles this month and Christmas Eve! Families and groups are welcome to work together. A signup is on the red bulletin board.

Wednesday night meal—Join us again on this week for food and fellowship at Dinner Church, Wednesdays at 5:30.

Cookies Fudge & Soup Sale December 14th!—The United Women in Faith Cookies Fudge and Soup Sale is Saturday, December 14th from 8 a.m.-Noon. Baked Goodies are welcome from anyone for the sale! We'd love to see your holiday favorite. Signup is by the office.

Help needed as part of our Treasurer Team—Barb Steele is stepping down after serving as our treasurer for several years. We are looking for someone to work as part of a team to fill the role, potentially a person to help with payroll while others do the accounting. If you are interested please connect with our Finance Chair Paul Sagers or Pastor Ben.

Sharing our Time and Talents— Check the Red bulletin board for how you can share your time and talents in new ways in 2025!

“The Weary World Rejoices” Advent Devotional—is available today! 1st. Meeting times will be Tuesday nights at 6pm (Zoom), Wednesday afternoons 2pm (St. James), and Wednesday evenings after Dinner Church.

“Charlie Brown Christmas” Worship Series — will run throughout Advent. The choir and children will offer a program during worship on Sunday, December 22nd.

Adopt-a-Family — Just a few tags left! We have the opportunity to spread some Christmas Cheer with our Edison neighbors again this season! Grab a tag from the red bulletin board and return the gift wrapped with the tag on top by Sunday, December 8th.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy! For Bonnie Hill's Birthday (Josh's mother)
- ♥ Travel mercies for all during this Thanksgiving holiday week.
- ♥ For the family and friends of Joyce Wenzel, as we grieve her passing.

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Searching for Hope

Jeremiah 33:14-16

December 1, 2024

Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Choral Gathering — Come Now, O Prince of Peace — BLACK 2232—VS 1

Call to Worship

Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God's peace will reign
and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.

The days are surely coming!

Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here
when God will come near and show us how to recognize God's reign among us.

The days are surely coming and are already here!

Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kingdom
on the earth here and now. Will you join in?

The days are surely coming and are already here!

**We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen,
and to follow God's call to build the kingdom of earth as it is in heaven**

Hymn – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus — RED 196

Advent Affirmation of Faith — ALL

We believe in the coming of the Light

**that shatters all darkness
and brings love to all people.**

We believe in peace, and that one day

**all nations shall enter the house of God,
where love and mercy flow like a mighty river.**

We believe in a hope that casts out fear.

We believe in waiting patiently

**for the coming of the Lord,
knowing it is Christ who restores us**

and leads us to salvation.

We believe in being ready,

**for Christ comes at unexpected times and places,
in the form of strangers, friends, and family.**

**We believe that we are called to welcome one another,
just as Christ has welcomed us.**

We believe that the Holy Spirit helps us

live in harmony with one another,

and prepare our hearts and our lives for the birth of a child who is called

“Prince of Peace,” “Emmanuel,” “God with us.” Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment & Advent Candle Lighting— PASTOR BEN

Call to Prayer — Light One Candle — BLACK 2090 — VS 1

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem — A Christmas Blessing— CHOIR

Scripture — Jeremiah 33:14-16

God, we thank you for your Word. **The story of your grace.**

Sermon — Searching for Hope — PASTOR BEN

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology — RED 95

Holy Communion— Choral Setting — BLACK 2257

Music during Communion—What Feast of Love — ON THE SCREEN

Benediction

Postlude