



Advent

" *Emmanuel: God with Us*", is the theme we've chosen for Advent. In the season of Advent we celebrate the fact that God is on the move. God is coming to be with God's people. We celebrate the coming of God to his people in 1st century Palestine in the person of Jesus Christ. We anticipate the return of Jesus. As we hope and pray, God is with us. And God is coming to make all things new! So we celebrate what God has done in and through Jesus and we hope for the complete fulfillment of all God's promises to renew all things. We have not been abandoned by God. Any sense of loneliness is countered by God's presence in the Holy Spirit and Jesus' promise to return.

God's people are confidently hoping, living out this hope by embodying the life our Lord taught us to live, in the power of the Holy Spirit given to us. As we read the Gospel stories which Mark, Luke, and John wrote about the beginnings of Jesus' first arrival, we will be encouraged to live faithfully as his followers.

Here is our schedule of worship services throughout Advent and entering into Epiphany.

December 3, 9:30 a.m. Advent 1
Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19;
Mark 13:24-37

December 10, 9:30 a.m. Advent 2
Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
Mark 1:1-8

December 10, 5 p.m. Connect Night -
"Carols, Children, and Chili"

December 17, 9:30 a.m. Advent 3
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126,
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 17, 6 p.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols.

December 24, 9:30 a.m. Advent 4
2 Samuel 7:1-11,16;
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38

December 25, Christmas Day, 9:30 a.m.
Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

December 31, 9:30 a.m.
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-11