

Announcements *and opportunities for this week*

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Free Advent devotional booklets from the Society of St. Andrew are available today in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TAGS

FOR COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS (CIS) AND MERCY MALL

Many thanks to those who took a gift tag from the rolling white board last Sunday to help a few students at Chalkley Elementary and a family through Mercy Mall. Those gifts with the tags attached, need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 11th. There are tables set up in the Fellowship Hall for you to return your gift. If you chose a green tag, your gift does not need to be wrapped. If you have a red tag, that gift does need to be wrapped. There is a wrapped box with the slit cut in the top for the gift cards. There are still some tags left on the board, with plenty of time to shop before the deadline. If you have questions, please contact Barbara.

WARMAMENT TREE

We will begin accepting donations for the warmament tree today! This Christmas tree is bare and needs to be "decorated" with items to keep it warm. Hats, gloves, mittens, socks, scarfs and even warm sweatshirts or sweatpants would make wonderful "decorations". As the weeks go by, the tree will be undecorated and the items will be given to our own Food Pantry guests, Communities in Schools at Chalkley Elementary, Mercy Mall and the Good Samaritan Inn. The warmament tree will stay up throughout the holiday season and all through the month of January, as we know that the cold weather sometimes doesn't truly hit the area until after the holiday season.

FALL GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

Before the Christmas holidays are upon us, we'd like to spruce up our grounds just a bit. Will you join us on Saturday morning, December 3rd anytime between 8:30 and 11 a.m. to help tidy up a few areas around the church? Please email Steve Law or Hal Raddin for more information and to see how you may help!

JOY (Just Older Youth)

The next JOY group meeting will be Tuesday, December 13th at 2 p.m. Come with your singing voice in tune as Joelle Hawkins will be on the piano playing some of your favorite Christmas songs that we will sing along to. After a time of refreshments and singing, we will use the donated Halloween candy and fill bags for various ministries to pass out during this Christmas season.

SUNDAY SUPPER

Join us for Sunday Supper on December 4th!
Supper will be served from 5-6 p.m. with fellowship continuing afterwards.

ADULTS will enjoy delicious baked ham, with seasoned green beans, buttered boiled potatoes, rolls with butter and a beverage, topped off with Christmas cookies for dessert! The cost of the adult meal is \$7.50 per person.

CHILDREN (up to age 10) will enjoy a hot dog, applesauce and a beverage. Dessert: Christmas cookies! There is no cost for the children's meal, however, a reservation is required.

Reservations must be made by emailing or calling Dawn in the church office (804-744-3661, ext. 101) by Monday, November 28th at 5 p.m.

Payment may be made through Realm or by check, dropped off in the church office or placed in the offering plate.

Questions? Please call the church office.

Discipleship Opportunities *on our calendar this week*

Sunday, November 27:

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)

Monday, November 28:

9:30 a.m. MAP (CR)

Wednesday, November 30:

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (MP)
7:00 p.m. Branderbells (SY)

Thursday, December 1:

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study (MP/Zoom)
1:00 p.m. Knit Wits (CR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (SY)

Friday, December 2:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry Prep (MP)

Saturday, December 3:

8:30 a.m. Fall Grounds Clean-up
9:30 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry (Loop)

Sunday, December 4:

9:00 a.m. Adult Discipleship Hour
Bible Study (CR)
Current Events (MP/Zoom)
9:00 a.m. Youth: Disciples & Donuts (YR)
10:00 a.m. AlterNatives Advent Shop (FH)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY, Live Stream)
10:45 a.m. JAM (Choir)
5:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (MP)

SY - Sanctuary MP - Multi-Purpose Room FH - Fellowship Hall CR - Conference Room
YR - Youth Room Choir - Choir Room OFF - Offsite NSY - Nursery Loop - Driveway

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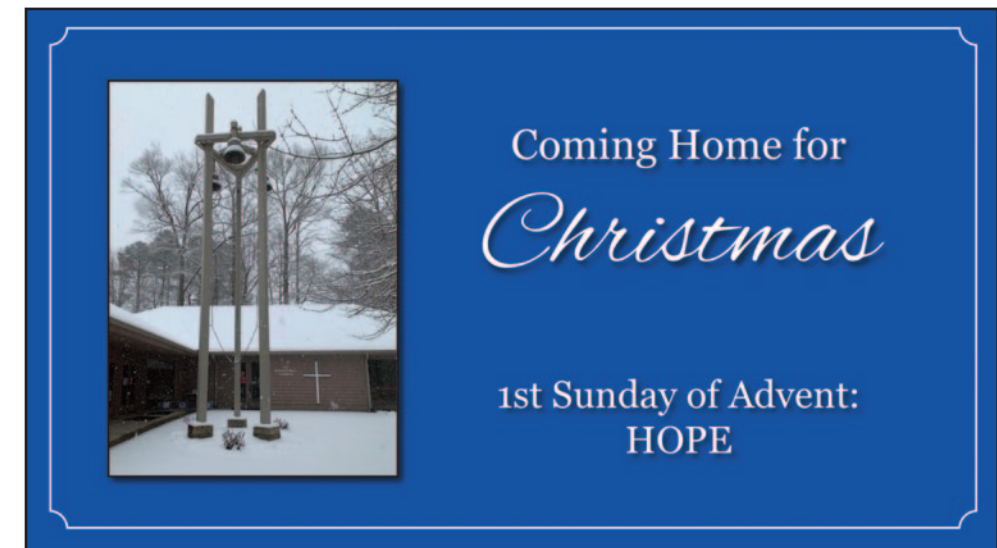
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November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

Advent: A Wake-up Call

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*Please print your name and pass the attendance register, found at the end of each row. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about The Brandermill Church, please provide your email address and we will send you our weekly eNews. Please silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.
* Please stand, as able.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Jim. C. Dunkin

PRELUDE

Emmanuel

arr. Carol Tornquist

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 122)

TBC Youth, Sadie

One: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the LORD!"

Many: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

Many: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

One: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.
Let us worship God!

* HYMN BCH 211 (vs. 1,2,4,7) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. (Refrain)*

*O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. (Refrain)*

*O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. (Refrain)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Plunkett Family

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Road Home

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TBC Youth, Sadie

Many: Lord, in this Advent season filled with your Spirit, we sadly confess to having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, not reading the Book, not searching our hearts and facing our sins. Deal with us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to glorify Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TBC Youth, Sadie

One: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* PEACE OF CHRIST *Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *Cameron Hansen*

ANTHEM *Every Valley* *The Sanctuary Choir* *by John Ness Beck*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14* *Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 24:36-44* *Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

SERMON *Advent: A Wake-up Call* *Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *An Advent Affirmation* *by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing* *Barbara Flynt*

Many: We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commandment but that God has loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us; that God is not happy to leave us alone, that this God will come to us as a particular human being, that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours, that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy, that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.

We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Jim C. Dunkin

Many: 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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS *Barbara Flynt*

OFFERTORY *More Precious than Silver* *arr. Phillip Keveren*

* RESPONSE *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
O Praise Him, Alleluia! Praise Him above ye Heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! O Praise Him, Alleluia!
O Praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Barbara Flynt*

Many: Holy God, this Advent season we wait in hope. Today we give in hope. Hope for your coming reign; hope because of your presence with us even now. Receive these generous offerings, and use them for your work of healing and hope in our world. Amen.

* HYMN BCH 202 (vs. 1) *People, Look East*

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

* BENEDICTION *Dr. Jim C. Dunkin*

* RESPONSE *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.*

POSTLUDE *Lord Be Glorified* *arr. Fred Bock*

Discipleship Opportunities

praying for each other

PRAYER CONCERNS WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lacey Lee, Eleanor Curtis, Barbara Dove, Dottie Arnaudin, Harold Binhammer, Ethel Miller, Judy Smith, Elizabeth Paul, Kelly Cook, Bill Julian, Sue Akin, Marty Kump, Bill Kump, Rick Lescault, Mandy Begg, David Charlesworth, Steve Leonard, Mary Mac Harris, John Tucker, Lois Vorhis, Warren Ragsdale, Steven Davis, Angie Cason, Leigh Lessick, Betty Clapp, Sydney Davis, Chas and Elaine Jones, Bob & Pat Barcalow, Alice Lescault, Karen Jones, Mary Dean, Wayne Paul, Gail Plante, Laura Robinson, Justin Barbour, Brenda Traini, Carole Phelps, Gil Fallert, Jackie Dunford, Wendy Meyer, Pearce Chaffee, Josh Barrack, Jamie Barrack, Mary Jo Redmon, Allen Williams, CT Hill, Nicki McDaniel, Monica Rakes

Thank you for the amazing prayers and blessings that have been shared through blue card and emails since March 2020. Pastor Jim has sent over 475 emails, containing over 8400 messages, and the recipients have been so grateful!

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THE SUNDAY PARK FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support, as your generous donations are needed each week to fill our boxes! These are the items needed this week: Pancake mix, Pancake syrup, Breakfast bars, Canned tuna, Spaghetti sauce and Rice. TBC also welcomes monetary donations. Please note "pantry" in the memo section of your check or online donation.

THURSDAY MORNING ADVENT STUDY

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group will be having a 4-week Advent study during the month of December. All are welcome to join for these 4 Thursday mornings in December from 10:00 to 11:30, either in person or via Zoom. The study is entitled *Finding Our Place at the Manger: An Adult Advent Study*, written by The Thoughtful Christian. There is no book to purchase. Just let Barbara know that you would like to attend and the 5-page lesson will be emailed to you the Monday morning before each class. If you would like to attend via Zoom, the Zoom link will be emailed to you on Wednesday morning.

LET'S GO CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join with other disciples from our congregation and let's sing some carols for the residents at Brandermill Woods Retirement Center. We will meet in the back parking lot of the church no later than 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 11th and carpool to Brandermill Woods, as parking is very limited. We will start our special carols around 5:30 in the Activity Room and after a few rounds of singing, we will head outside and carol along the streets, stopping at church member's doors to spread some holiday cheer. All cars will return to the church no later than 7 p.m. for hot cocoa and cookies. Let's make this a family affair - all ages are welcome!

2023 ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-ups have begun if you would like to honor or remember a loved one by placing flowers on our altar for Sunday worship. Just email Dawn in the church office to reserve a date. Arrangements are \$50 each. Payment may be made anytime prior to your reserved date and you may take home or donate your arrangement after the service.

MISSION / SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY

Once again this year, we are providing an opportunity for ALTERNATIVES to bring a selection from their store in Carytown to sell here at TBC. You may shop before and after the service (10 a.m. through noon) in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, December 4th. *AlterNatives* is a non-profit trust established by the Highland Support Project, benefitting the women of Guatemala.

The Brandermill Church . . .

where YOU are always Welcome!

The flowers on the chancel . . .
are given in memory and love for family and friends,
by Cindy Ebsary.

Sunday Morning Nursery

The nursery is open at 10 a.m. and remains open throughout the worship service. All infants through 3 year olds, are welcome to play at any time during the service.

Please be advised . . .
that The Brandermill Church posts pictures and videos of various events online and in printed materials. Services are broadcast via live stream and digital recording.