



# Advent I

## Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

*A: People of God, come, gather in the presence of God in all honesty, openness, and sincerity - offering yourself as you are in this moment. {pause for reflection} Father, we confess that You remain faithful to us even in the midst of our own unfaithfulness.*

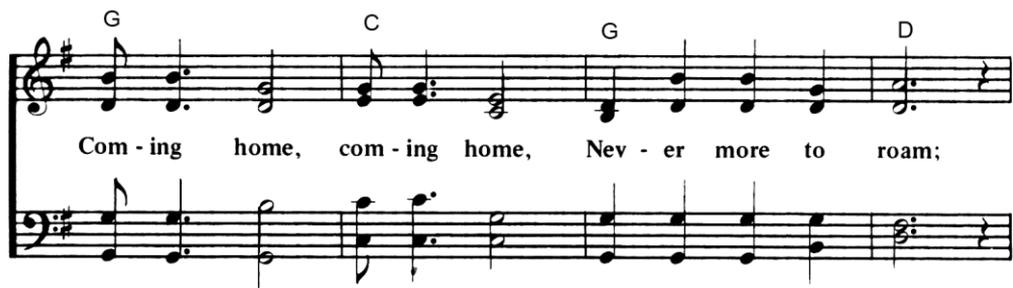
**C: Father, You are always reaching out to turn us back when we have turned away. You are constantly offering encouraging words of hope when we falter or become discouraged. You are brilliantly enlightening the dimness of our own understandings and expectations through Your wisdom. Forgive our distractedness and our wanderings. Do not forget or forsake us this day or in the days ahead. In all humility, we come seeking the mercy, compassion and grace You promise through the child in the manger, Jesus, Your gift of our salvation.**



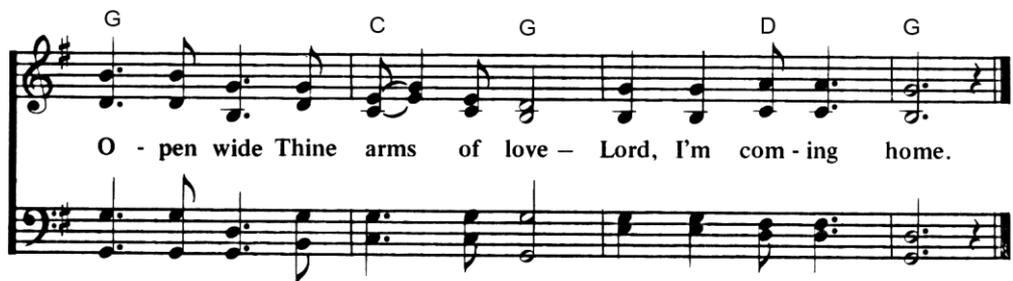
1. I've wan-dered far a - way from God - Now I'm com - ing home;  
 2. I've wast - ed man - y pre - cious years - Now I'm com - ing home;  
 3. I've tired of sin and stray - ing, Lord - Now I'm com - ing home;  
 4. My soul is sick, my heart is sore - Now I'm com - ing home;



The paths of sin too long I've trod - Lord, I'm com - ing home.  
 I now re - pent with bit - ter tears - Lord, I'm com - ing home.  
 I'll trust Thy love, be - lieve Thy word - Lord, I'm com - ing home.  
 My strength re - new, my hope re - store - Lord, I'm com - ing home.



Com - ing home, com - ing home, Nev - er more to roam;



O - pen wide Thine arms of love - Lord, I'm com - ing home.

*P: The child who came into the world long ago in the simplicity of the manger and who will come again in great glory, is the sign for us that God is with us, now and always, forgiving our sins, liberating us from our limitations and turning us back to living ever more faithfully. With full trust in God's power and intentions to accomplish all the words that God has spoken, let us come now with renewed hearts, minds and souls to offer our gifts of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.*

C: Amen.

# Entrance Hymn

*Joy to the World*

D A D G

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

A D

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

A

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

D A D

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and  
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
heav'n and na - ture sing.

## Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: God's light breaks into the darkness;*

**C: And hope and peace shine out.**

*P: God's Word breaks into the silence;*

**C: And hope and peace speak out.**

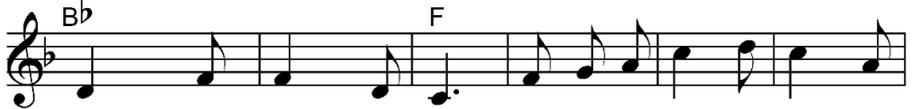
*P: God's Son breaks into our lives;*

**C: And hope and peace are known.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*



1.O beau-ti-ful Star of Beth - le - hem, shin-ing a -  
2.O beau-ti-ful Star, the hope of light, guid-ing the  
3.O beau-ti-ful Star, the hope of rest, for the re-



far through shad - ows dim, Giv-ing a light for those who  
pil - grim through the night, O - ver the mountain 'til the  
deemed, the good and blest, Yon-der in glo - ry when the



long have gone. And guid-ing the  
break of dawn, And in - to the  
crown is won, For Je - sus is



wise men on their way un - to the place where Je - sus  
light of per - fect day it will give out a love - ly  
now that Star di - vine, bright - er and bright - er He will



lay, Beau-ti-ful Star of Bethle-hem shine on!  
ray,  
shine,

## Prayer of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: God of Grace and Love, you bring your favor and blessing upon those who least expect them. When your servant Mary received Your message of favor and blessing, she listened and trusted in the accomplishment of Your Word with patience, faithfulness, service and contemplation. As we now light the first candle of the Advent wreath, stir us to come and hear, that we may respond as Mary did while we also await the fulfilling of Your Son's promise to us. In his name we pray. Amen.**

### First Lesson

Jeremiah 33

**T**he days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a "Righteous Branch" to spring up for David and that Branch will execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which the Branch will be called, "The Lord is Our Righteousness." For thus says the Lord: David will never lack someone to sit on the throne of the house of Israel . . . If any of you could break my covenant with the day and break my covenant with the night, so that day and night would not come at their appointed time, only then could my covenant with my servant David be broken, so that he would not have a son to reign on his throne . . .

Just as the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will increase the offspring of my servant David . . .

Have you not observed how these misguided people say, "The two families that the Lord chose have been rejected by him," and how they hold my people in such contempt that they no longer regard them as a nation? Only if I had not established my covenant with day and night and the ordinances of heaven and earth would I reject the offspring of Jacob and of my servant David and not choose any of his descendants as rulers over the

offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For, I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy upon them.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!*    **C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm**                      **The Great "O Antiphons" of the Advent Season**

*These Antiphons are an ancient Advent tradition throughout the Church. Each one begins with a name (in Latin) for Christ and reflects one of his attributes in scripture.*

*P:        O Clavis David:*

**C:        O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel;  
          you open and no one can shut;  
          you shut and no one can open:  
          Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,  
          those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.**

**Antiphon Hymn**

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

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road  
and bar the way to death's abode.

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 1**

**L**ong ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways through the prophets, but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the worlds. This Son is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and this Son sustains all things by his powerful word. When the Son had accomplished the purification for sins, the Son sat down at the right hand of the Majesty On High - having become much superior to angels, for the name the Son has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say,

*"You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?* [Psalm 2:7]

Or again,

*"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?* [2 Samuel 7:14]

And again, when God brings the firstborn into the world, God says,

*"Let all God's angels worship him." [Deut 43:33 & Psalm 97:7]*

Of the angels God says,

*"God makes the angels, winds, and God's servants, flames of fire."  
[Psalm 104:4]*

But of the Son, God says,

*"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the Righteous Scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.  
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." [Psalm 45:6-7]*

And,

*"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;  
they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;  
like a cloak you will roll them up,  
and like clothing they will be changed.  
But you are the same, and your years will never end."  
[Psalm 102:25-27]*

Reader: *The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God**

## Children's Sermon

### Verse



O God, whose Word well plant - ed Yields  
O God of seed and har - vest, Of  
O God, your fin - al har - vest Of



fruit a hun - dred fold, We - praise your grac - es  
sun and soil and rain, At - tend the Word we -  
his - t'ry's an - cient field Will test with Truth the



grant - ed To - those who sowed of old, Who  
sow lest Its plant - ing be in vain. Send  
proud - est That hu - man work can yield. Op -



by their wit - ness scat - tered Good seed up - on the  
show - ers of your Spir - it, Bright sun - shine of your  
pres - ion's blight will van - ish, Fair free - dom's fruits in -



soil Where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered The -  
Grace, That mul - ti - tudes who hear it Your  
crease; And love and joy wil flour - ish To



har - vest of their toil.  
Gos - pel may em - brace.  
cloth the earth with peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Gospel according to Luke the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Gospel

**Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called, "Nazareth," to a virgin who was engaged to a man whose name is, "Joseph," of the house of the great King of God's people of ancient days, David. The virgin's name was, Mary.

And coming to her Gabriel said, "Grace, to one being graced! The Lord is with you."

But about this word, Mary was unsettled and mused to herself about what sort of greeting this is.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace from God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and will bear a son, and you will call his name. "Jesus." He will be great and will be called "The Son of the Most High," and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob into the eons, and of his kingdom there will be no completion."

But Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I do not know a man?"

And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you and, therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called, "Son of God." And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, is seized by a son in her old age and this is the sixth month for her, who was being called "sterile." Because all the Word from God will not be without power."

But Mary said, "Behold, the servant of the Lord; it is become with me according to your word."

And the angel departs from her.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day     *Canticle of Turning*

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1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

### Apostles Creed 8:30 / Holy Baptism 11:00

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the Church & Passing the Peace & Offering

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As saints of old their fir-st fru-its brought of or - cha-rd, flock, and  
A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and  
In gra - ti-tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to -



field to God the gi - ver of all good, the  
give; to make our life an off - er - ing that  
day, to serve your cause and sha-re your love with



source of\_\_ boun-teous yield; so\_\_ we to - day\_\_ our\_\_  
oth - ers\_\_ too may live. The Church of Christ is\_\_  
all hu - man - i - ty. O\_\_ God, who gave your -



fir - st fru - its bring: the wealth of this good land, of  
call - ing\_\_ us to make the dream come true: a  
self to\_\_ us in Je - sus Christ your Son, teach



farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
world re-deemed, your king - dom come, all life in Christ made new.  
us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

## Offertory Prayer

*P: Let us pray. Gracious God,*

**C: Acknowledging the many blessings received by your design and your grace, we offer these gifts back to the mission and ministry of your Church. May our response of thanks be pleasing in your sight and may you direct our offering to the sustenance and growth of your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*P: It is indeed right and responsible . . .*

## Sanctus Cantor



Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
High on his throne sat the might - y Lord, and his  
O what a sight it was to see and



scrip - tures do re - cord, I -  
robes flowed through the hall. And  
O what a sound to hear! The

sa - iah to the tem - ple came to  
six - wing - ed an - gels flew a bove I -  
tem - ple door - posts shook and quaked and

see the ho - ly Lord.  
sa - iah heard them call.  
smoke was in the air!

## Congregation

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, His  
glo - ry fills the whole wide - earth, God of pow - er and might.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*P: Holy God, beginning and end, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty out of the hopelessness of chaos, and we marvel that out of all that you have made, you have chosen to reveal your purposes for your creation to us. Through the patriarchs and the matriarchs, and the judges and prophets of old you have proclaimed your faithfulness and your grace.*

*Yet their words only prepare the way for the most astounding revelation of your faithfulness and grace in the birth of your Son, Jesus. He is your gift of compassion and mercy. A living word of love who proclaims hope for all time and people through his resurrection from the dead. And so, in this season, we embolden our expectation for his promised return among us: His return as the fulfillment of your wondrous intention for all creation; His return as our glorious and victorious Lord and Liberator; His return with the final victory over chaos, sin and evil. And we ask you to send your Spirit upon us and on this bread and wine that we share, that this gathering and this meal will strengthen our faith and increase our hope.*

*May this communion call to your remembrance the promises that were made to us when on the night he was handed over, Your Son took bread . . .*

*P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

**C: 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, to earth you came To save us all from  
O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, To us show mer - cy,  
grief and shame. Shorn of your life up - on the tree You  
Ho - ly One. You save the world from all its sin. Lord,  
hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
give to us your peace. A - men.

### Distribution Hymns

1. Jerusalem the golden,  
With milk and honey blest,  
Beneath your contemplation  
Sink heart and voice oppressed.  
I know not, oh, I know not  
What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
What bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Zion,  
Conjubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel  
And all the martyr throng.  
The prince is ever in them;  
The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed  
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David,  
 And there, from care released,  
 The shout of those who triumph,  
 The song of those who feast.  
 And they, who with their leader  
 Have conquered in the fight,  
 Forever and forever  
 Are clad in robes of white.

4. Oh, sweet and blessed country,  
 The home of God's elect!  
 Oh, sweet and blessed country  
 That eager hearts expect!  
 In mercy, Jesus, bring us  
 To that dear land of rest!  
 You are, with God the Father  
 And spirit, ever blest.



1. I love your king - dom Lord,  
 2. I love your Church, O God!  
 3. Be - yond my high - est joy  
 4. For them my tears sha - ll fall;  
 5. Sure as Your truth shall last,



The place of your a - bode;  
 It's walls be - fore you stand,  
 I prize its hea - venly ways,  
 For them my prayers a - scend;  
 To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er  
 Dear as the ap - ple of your  
 Its sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn  
 For them my cares and toils be  
 The bright - est glo - ries earth can



saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
 eye And gra - ven on your hand.  
 vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
 giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
 yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

F C7 F F Bb F C

1. Hark! the Her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the Light of the world;  
 2. Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, Je - sus, the Light of the world;  
 3. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;  
 4. Hail! the heav'n - born Prince of peace, Je - sus, the Light of the world;

F C7 F F C7 F

Glo - ry to the new - born King, Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
 Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord, Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
 Hail! the sun of right - eous - ness, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

F Bb F G7 C

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, Come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright,

F Bb F C7 F

Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

## Post Communion Blessing

*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C: Amen.**

## Post Communion Canticle



O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the  
O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the  
seed, O gra-cious pro - vi - der for all hu-man  
feast, Where sor-rows are van-quished and joys are in -  
need, You have nour-ished our faith at your ta-ble of  
creased, Where the tree of life grows in your orchards a -  
grace, And nur-tured new life in the light of your  
bove, We'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your  
face. O Lord of the grain-field, O God of the  
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, Sing praise to the  
vine, You've fed us your pres-ence in bread and in  
Son, Sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in  
wine. In com - mun-ion you've blest to us ar-bor and  
One! You have made us one peo-ple you've fed by the  
plow, and shown us the Gos-pel, your Word for us now.  
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

## Post Communion Prayer

*P: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time, lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray.*

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

### Recessional Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## Postlude

### Dismissal

*P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Flowers are placed on the altar by Linda Grauer in loving memory of her husband, Conrad, on the first anniversary of his passing.

We welcome into the Christian faith through the sacrament of Baptism, Flynn Gerard, son of Brian and Barbara (Casabianca) Gerard.



Have a college student and want them to receive some cookies to enjoy while studying for finals? Contact the church office by tomorrow w/ their name & address.  
(OfficeGraceYorktown@gmail.com or call 914-245-5737)



**Sunday, November 30**    *Advent I*  
*Holiday Fellowship after each service – bring your leftover Thanksgiving desserts to share*  
8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. No Sunday School & Post-Confirmation Student Meeting

9:45 a.m. No Confirmation class

11:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, December 1**

7:00 p.m. Cookies for College

**Tuesday, December 2**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study

No Bible studies w/ Pastor Chris

No Confirmation class

**Wednesday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 5**

6:00 p.m. Annual Grace Christmas Party

**Sunday December 7 Advent II**

*Holiday Fellowship after each service – cider & donuts provided by the Fellowship committee*

*Name Tag Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Choir Warmup

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Stocking Stuffing Project

9:45 a.m. Confirmation class & Post-Confirmation student meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship



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