



## HANGING OF THE GREENS



**November 30, 2025**

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## WELCOME

### *The Meaning of the Service*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

**All: With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

**All: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

**All: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

**All: By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

Leader: For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God  
We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all of creation.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF PREPARATION *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*UMH #626*

## READING

*Isaiah 61:10*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks  
himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

## HANGING OF THE PARAMENTS

## HYMN

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*UMH #203*

## READING

*Isaiah 60:2-3*

For darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples,  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

## LIGHTING THE CANDLES AND PLACING OF THE WINDOW LAMPS

## READING

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## THE ADVENT WREATH

## LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

*Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.*

**All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,  
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

**ANTHEM***Emmanuel***READING***Isaiah 60:13*

The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,  
the cypress, the plane, and the pine,  
to beautify the place of my sanctuary,  
and I will glorify where my feet rest.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS****SONG***The Holly and The Ivy*

Please join in the refrain:

**Oh, the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ  
Sweet singing in the choir**

**READING***John 1: 1-5*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

**HANGING THE CHRISMONS****SONG***Mary Did You Know***READING***Micah 5:2-5*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth,  
and he shall be the one of peace.

## THE NATIVITY

HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

UMH #216

## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

### The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

READING

*Matthew 2:2*

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?  
For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage."

OFFERING

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* verse 1

UMH #211

**O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel**

### *Doxology*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.***

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.  
Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

O come O come Emmanuel

## CLOSING HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH #196

## COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—  
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,  
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.

The good news of Advent is this:

**All: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.**

**We will welcome Christ into our hearts.**

**We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.**

**We will go forth from this place in hope.**

## POSTLUDE

*Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.*

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*In the sanctuary or by mail.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS December 2025

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

#### Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Voices of Advent Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

#### Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday Prayer and Devotion on FaceBook @ 7am

#### Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>

Service of Holy Communion with the Jubilation Ringers @ 10pm

***Poinsettia orders are due on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>!***

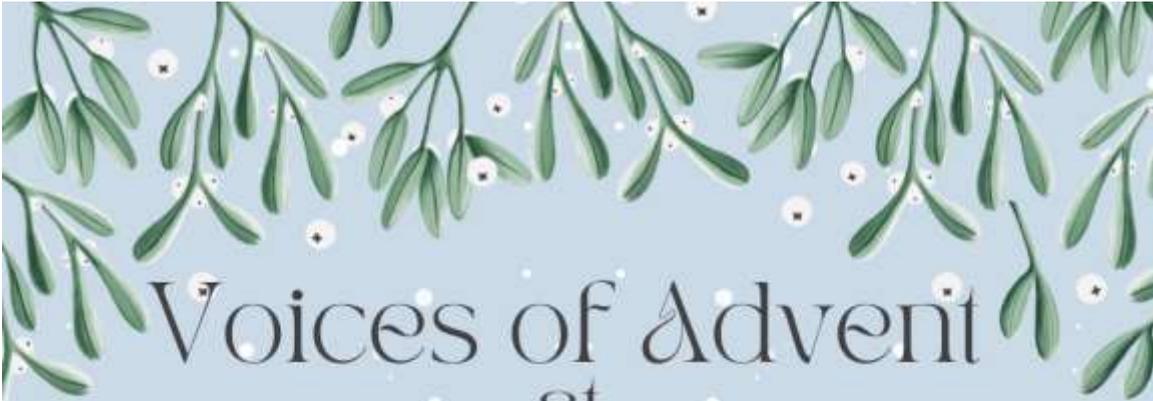
### First Friday Fellowship

will NOT meet on December 5th.

We WILL meet on Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> to help assemble  
the cookies for the 12/14 sale.

BYO lunch and beverage to enjoy together after we are  
finished with the cookies assembly.

Dessert will be provided by Lyn Sentkowski.



# Voices of Advent at UMC in Wayne

Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10am  
Hanging of the Greens Service  
with Parish Drive

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10am  
*"Until the Son of God appears", John*  
with Jubilation Ringers & Holy Communion

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10am  
*"I offer all I am", Mary*  
with Parish Drive

Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10am  
*"I will be here for you, my love", Joseph*  
with Jubilation Ringers & Parish Drive



## Holiday Cookie Sale

The UMC women will be holding their annual holiday cookie sale on Sunday December 14th.

**Bakers are needed!**

See Lyn S., Nancy K., or Anita D. for more information!



THE RIDGEWOOD SINGERS PRESENT ...

## WINTER DREAMS

*Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 2:00pm  
at the First Presbyterian Church  
722 E. Ridgewood Ave, Ridgewood, NJ*



**POINSETTIA ORDERS for 2025**  
**Due by Monday, December 8, 2025**

**\$10 each**

Please fill out the form below and complete the order information telling us whether this is 'in memory of', or 'in honor of'.

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