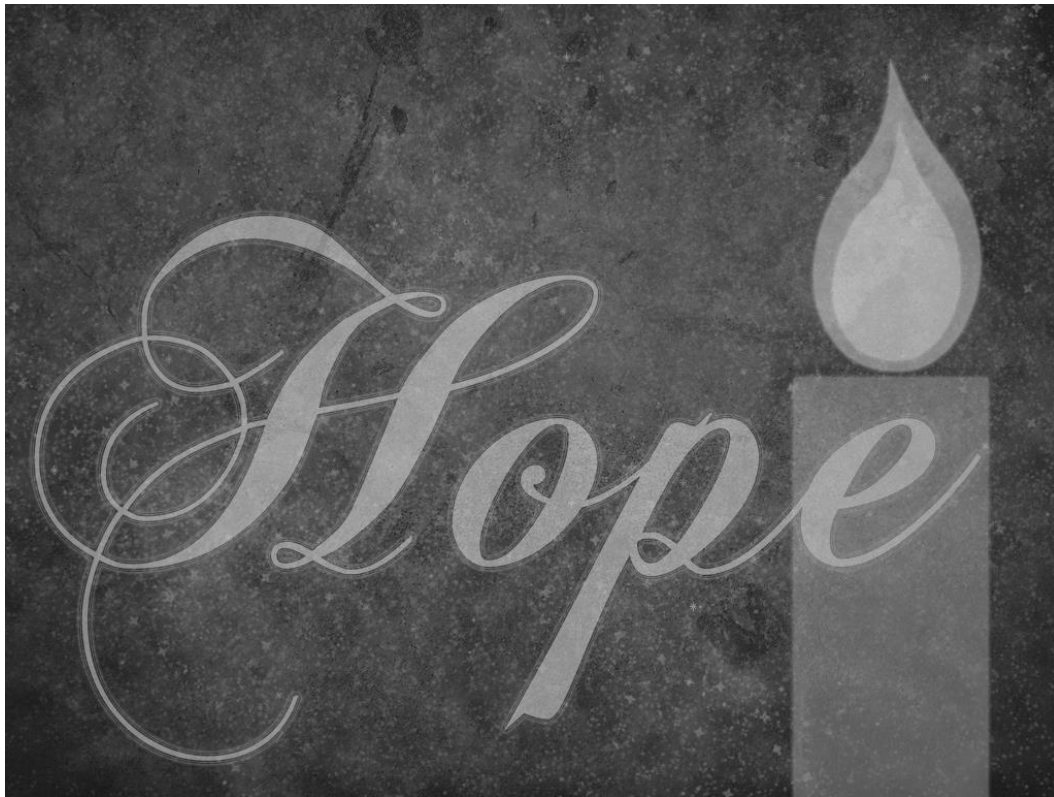


Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Humanity.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.



Welcome to Worship!

As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Suite No. 1 in G Major for Solo Cello, Prelude BWV 1007” J.S.Bach
Melaine Grad, Cello

BELL INTROIT

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tune: W Żłobie Leży, a Polish folk melody; ELW 276 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Verse 1 : *Hope*

**Candles glowing, promise showing the great hope that calms our fear.
Darkness scatters, worry shatters, Christ will always draw us near.
Calms our sighing, hears our crying, helps our trying, love undying –
Christ will always draw us near! Christ will always draw us near!**

The first Advent candle is lit as the hymn is sung.

In you alone, O God, we hope.

You who stir up your power to save. You who come down to us as unbounded love put into flesh and bones, all powerful becoming most vulnerable. That is how you make true love known. You call us to awake, to see you all around us in migrant mother, in homeless vet, in uplifted hands and held breath. We pray to you in hope, O God, for you are our hope. Amen.

HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation,
arriving soon. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Lord, have_ mer - cy. Christ, have_ mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Lord, have_ mer - cy. Lord, have_ mer - cy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth in Christ the Lord, our Savior.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.
Amen.

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Eternal God,
**while fear and anxiety surround us on every side, help us to watch and wait in hope,
preparing our hearts to notice and work with your grace already in our midst,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

You can find the story in your Spark Bible pg. 178

WORD

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The 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 he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

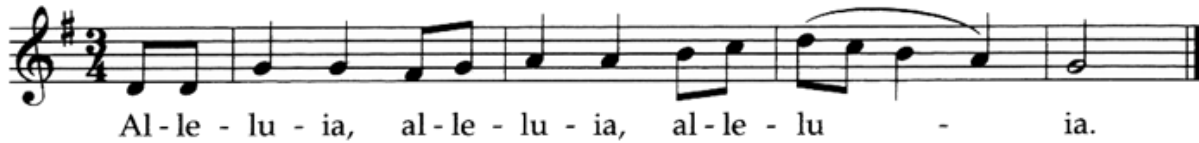
In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Word of God.

Word of Life

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Young readers you find the first part of this story in your Spark Bible pg. 408

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Humanity coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Humanity.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

You may be seated.

Please stand as you are able

HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**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 power of 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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

*After each petition, the leader will say. Lord, in your mercy;
Your response is, **hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”
Adam Camrud, Piano

tune Picardy
Arr. Adam Camrud

OFFERTORY VERSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation. Praise

God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation. Praise

God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Let

all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. Creator God,
you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

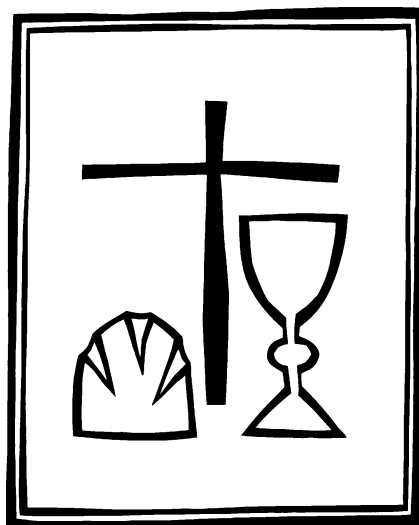
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Sanctus

The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [in One]

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a 4-measure rest. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and_ might, _____ heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various note values such as quarter, eighth, and half notes, along with rests and a fermata.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD

O Lamb Of God

Fraction Anthem

The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
son of Ma - ry.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Generous God,
**we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation, for coming among us,
and for leading us into peace. Go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.**

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

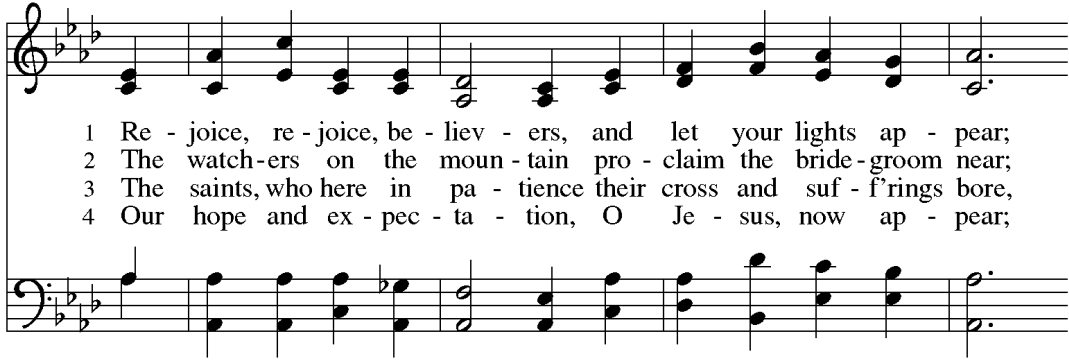
BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey, ✝ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

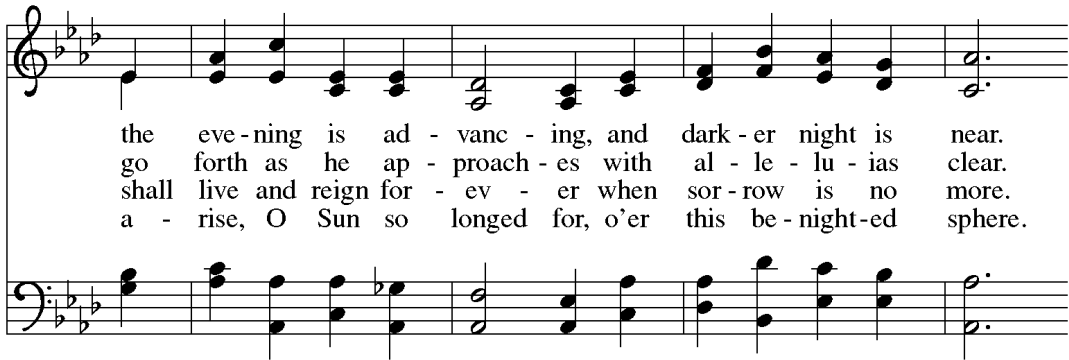


SENDING HYMN

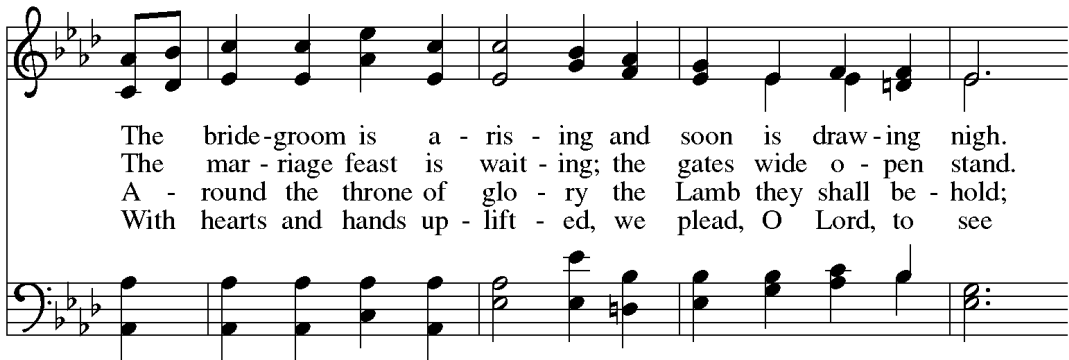
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Prepare for Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Pastorale in F Major, BWV 59; Movement 3” J.S.Bach
Melanie Grad, Cello; Hillary Nordwell, Organ

Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*

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Jean Wahlstrom, *Assisting Minister*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Scott Lester, *Lector*

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Peter Cornwell, Mary Davis, Johannes Grad,

Melanie Grad, Sharon Gurtel, *Audio Team*

Mikel Oswald and Stella Neiman, *Greeters*

Sarah Cannon and Shirley Hobson, *Coffee hosts*

Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) to serve as a greeter or coffee host!

*The white rose on the Altar is in memory of Maggie Johnson,
who died on November 16th.*

LITURGY and MUSIC:

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Worship Texts for December 8
Second Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6



Jesus calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world full of alienation and brokenness. Being transformed by the love of God to direct our actions, we seek to live out our church’s mission statement: “Growing together in Christ to love and serve all people.”

St. Andrew’s is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Living into our mission of growing together in Christ to love and serve all people, we welcome and will include everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, race, culture, neurodivergence, ability, age, addiction, relationship status, economic circumstance, or other distinction. Please see our full welcoming statement at www.salc.church. For more information about becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation, visit www.reconcilingworks.org



Saint Andrew’s Giving Tree Shares Our Love

The Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church holiday tradition of sharing love with our community.

Pick a tag (or three or four or more) off the tree to participate in this fun gift-giving project.

This year we are support KidVantage, The Sophia way, and Compass Housing.

Ornaments with red yarn are things KidVantage requests. The Sophia Way ornaments are tied with white ribbon and Compass Housing items are tied with green.

Purchase the item on ornament on Sunday and return it the following Sunday. No wrapping, no gift receipts.

Yes, you can purchase multiples of the items on your ornament.

Again:

- **Red yarn – KidVantage**
- **Green yarn – Compass Housing**
- **White yarn – The Sophia Way**

Thank you for your generosity!

If you have any questions, check with Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 1:

- 9:00 AM Advent Fair, Bake Sale,
Hopelink bags
10:00 AM Worship (in person in the
Sanctuary and livestreamed)

Monday, December 2:

- 10:00 AM Health & Wholeness
1:00 PM Staff meeting
4:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Finance Committee
7:00 PM Outreach and Servant Ministries

Tuesday, December 3:

- 8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men – Zoom
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle
10:00 AM Bible Study w/Pr Lara
7:00 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, December 4:

Thursday, December 5:

- 2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship (offsite)
5:00 PM Nominating Committee
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6:

Office is closed

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
Sunday School (pre-K-5th gr)
Youth Education (6th – 12th gr)
10:00 AM Worship (in person in the
Sanctuary and livestreamed)
11:15 AM **Advent “Stone Soup” lunch**

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