

### **PARENT MEETING TODAY**

Parents of our children and youth, join us for a special meeting today at 11:15am in the Celebration Center. Bring your young people and let them play gaga ball while we gather to talk about children and youth ministry in the new year. We need your input and efforts to find ways for us, and our congregation, to minister to our young people until we find a Family Ministries director.

### **BE PART OF OUR SCREEN TEAM**

Are you familiar with an iPad or iPhone? Can you follow along with a worship service and tap a screen at the same time? Have we got an opportunity for you! We need folks to be part of our Screen Team, operating the Sunday morning worship screen presentation. Ideally, we would love to have enough people that could serve for one hour, one Sunday a month (8-10 people, with each person choosing either the early or later service). Contact Bob Gentzler at regentzler2@gmail.com if you would like to serve.

### **ZOOM STUDY CONCLUDES**

Do you feel comfortable with the topic of death and dying? Few people do. In our *Dying Well* study, we'll stop death from being an accident and transform it to be a meaningful and motivating part of our life.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 / 10:00-11:00 am

Contact Becky at crmc2009@gmail.com Tuesdays by noon to receive the zoom link.

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM**

We are seeking individuals willing to be trained and serve on the Safety and Security Team. Ushers, while not required to serve on this team, might wish to volunteer; the training will be offered to all ushers so they gain familiarity with the processes. No previous professional security or medical background required.

A brief informational meeting took place today, but it's not too late to learn more. In depth training by a professional will take place in January. Joining this team is a terrific opportunity to be a vital volunteer at St. Andrew. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Michael Tucker at mtucker@mtapartners.com or at 972.342.7517

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

To grow a welcoming community where people of all ages and stages on their faith journey can come to experience the love, grace and compassion of Jesus Christ. Provide various worship and other spiritual growth opportunities communicating the Gospel to inspire and encourage a deeper understanding of God while developing relationships with each other, leading to service locally and beyond.

*St. Andrew By-The-Sea is an open, nurturing body of Christian believers seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*

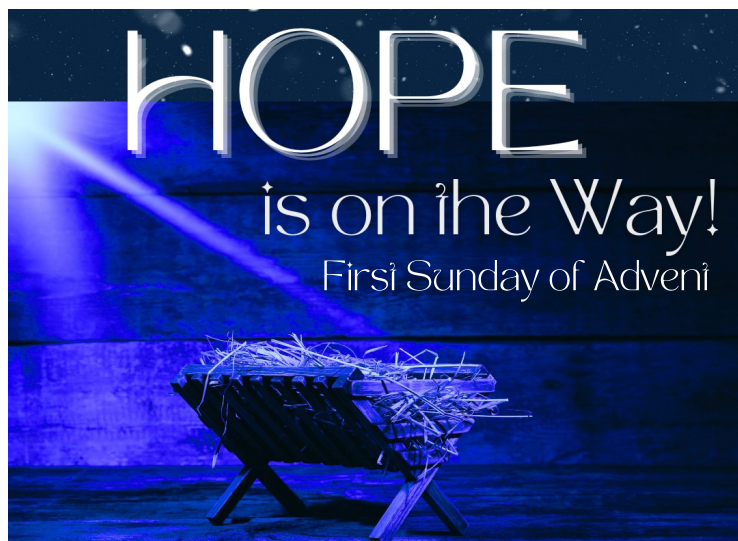
#### **ST. ANDREW IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION**

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### **The Work of the People for December 3, 2023**

The liturgical color is blue, symbolizing the color of the sky before the breaking of the dawn

#### **TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY**

*As we gather, please place your teddy bears under the Crismon and Christmas trees*

### **GATHERING FOR PRAISE**

**PRELUDE** *Carols for a Tiny King* arr. H. Sorensen

#### **RINGING OF THE TRINITY CHIMES**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE - UMH #211** VENI EMMANUEL  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v 1-2)*

**\*A READING FROM THE PROPHET** Mia Clark  
Isaiah 2:2-5

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANTHEM** *Candles of Advent* Price & Besig  
Seaside Chancel Choir

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Bobby and Martha Riggs  
*All children and young people are invited to come forward to the Advent candle at this time*

#### **ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSIVE READING**

Come! Let's go to the Lord's house so we may learn God's ways and walk God's path.

**We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.**

God will settle disputes between the nations and they will beat their swords into plows, their tanks into tractors, their guns into gardening tools.

**We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.**

Nations will not take up against other nations, neither will they lean war anymore.

**We wait for you again, Lord Jesus.**

As we wait, we light one candle today, the candle of HOPE, one little light to knock holes in the darkness.

**Come, let us walk by the Lord's light.**

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot put it out! Amen!**

**ADVENT CANDLE SONG - TFWS #2090** ADVENT CANDLE SONG  
(verse 1)

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 12:21 Kerry Tilden

**\*CHRISTMAS HYMN SING**

*What Child is This*

What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping  
This, this is Christ the King  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring him laud the babe the son of Mary

Why lied he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christians fear for sinners  
here the silent Word is pleading  
This, this is Christ the King  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring him laud the babe the son of Mary

*God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen*

God rest you merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay  
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
when we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name  
O tidings of comfort and joy O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place  
And with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace

This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface  
O tidings of comfort and joy O tidings of comfort and joy

*Children grade 3 and under are invited to Children's Chapel at this time,  
returning to the service after the sermon. Meet leaders in the Narthex.*

**SERMON** Rev. Jonathan Tompkins

*HOPE is on the Way! series  
'HOPE for Healing'*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE** Kerry Tilden  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY** *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. H. Sorenson  
*We acknowledge with gratitude all who give in-person and online*

**\*DOXOLOGY** VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

**\*WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

David Pirkey; Mike and Susie Maurer

*(congregational response)*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** (sung to the tune of Joy to the World)  
*The World Did Dwell in Dark and Fear*

The world did dwell in dark and fear for ages until now  
But God would fill their time with cheer  
and cause them all to bow.

When angels came to speak The Word the people were afraid  
A holy name by all was heard and peace on earth was made

So come all ye and listen still as God again appears  
With eyes that see let Christ fulfill the hope of all your years

And peace will reign within your heart  
and give you a new voice

Let love sustain your faithful heart O come now and rejoice

**\*SENDING FORTH** (sung to the tune of Away in a Manger)  
*Awaken Us, God (Hope)*

Oh, hear us we pray, God, for dark is the night  
and still we are waiting in hope for the light.  
Oh, teach us to trust you, preparing the way,  
until with rejoicing we enter the day.

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**\*POSTLUDE** *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. R. Lau  
*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Acolytes:** Bella and Lilah Gorrell

**STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE**

Monthly Budget needed	\$81,000	Date	In-Person	Online
			Worship	Worship
Monthly Giving	\$63,529	11.05	186	384
to Budget		11.12	226	366
Nov. Special Gifts (designated)	\$6,239	11.19	184	284
		11.26	158	423

***THANK YOU!***

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**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Today is your last opportunity to submit a donation form to donate towards poinsettias for the sanctuary. Donate in honor, memory, or appreciation of someone this Advent season. Forms available in the Narthex or online at [hhiumc.com/Christmas](http://hhiumc.com/Christmas) (\$20 each poinsettia)



## FISHING GUIDE

Sunday, December 3, 2023

*Hope is on the Way* series

'Hope for Healing'

### Scripture:

Matthew 12:21 (NIV)

In his name the nations will put their hope.

Matthew 12:21 (MSG)

The mere sound of his name will signal hope.

*In the word was life,*

***and the life was the light for all people***

**Navigational Markers** (thoughts and ideas to guide you)

### Depth Finder

(adapted from Week 1 of *The Voices of Christmas* devotional)

You may wish to review the stories of the following characters from this sermon:

John the Baptist (Matthew 3:11-12 MSG), Mary (Luke 1:28-29 MSG), Joseph (Matthew 1:20-23 MSG), Shepherds (Luke 2:8-9 MSG), Wise Men (Matthew 2:11 NIV)

Which person's story did you most identify with?

What was your connection? Which person do you believe had to dig the deepest to find hope? Why?

What is left unhealed in your life? How did the hope of each story perhaps provide a pathway in your journey towards hope and healing?

As you journey through Advent and look towards a new year, what will you be taking with you as a result of this week's study?

### Prayer as We Put Out to Sea

*So it's been a long year, every new day brings one  
more tear til there's nothin' left to cry  
My, my how time flies,  
like little children hiding their eyes  
we'll make it disappear, let's start a brand new year*

*If I could have anything, what would I want this new  
year to bring?*

*Well, I'd want you here with me  
Tear these thorns from my heart,  
help the healing to start  
let's set this whole world free,  
let's start with you and me*

*Darlin Christmas is coming,  
salvation army bells are ringin'  
Darlin Christmas is coming,  
Do you believe in angels singin'  
Darlin the snow is fallin,  
fallin' like forgiveness from the sky*

(from 'Darlin', Christmas is Coming' by Over the Rhine)

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