

Notes from the Pastor
Advent 2026
Theme: "The Light Still Shines"
The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out! John 1:5

The Advent season is upon us and, with the wickedness manifest in high places, we must go tell it on the mountain and everywhere that the Light still shines in the darkness and no power can put it out. The recent display of a degree of light remaining in this country should have us all anticipating the coming of greater Light. The bright lights decorating buildings and streets should remind us to celebrate that the Light of the world has come. This light exposes and challenges the spirits of death, defeat, and despair and invites us all to the committed transformation of the people, places, and perspectives where darkness seeks to reign. As we see and walk in the light, the joy of Christmas is real. Light your light of Christ and let it dispel the gloom and reveal the glory.

November 29 - The Candle of Hope/ Prophecy Candle - Children and Youth Ministry - "Let There Be Light" Genesis 1:1-5

December 6 – Candle of Preparation/Bethlehem Candle – Diaconate Ministry - "God Is!" I John 1:5-10 – Poinsettia Sunday – Pop-Up Market

December 13 – Candle of Joy/Shepherd's Candle - Women's Ministry – "Do You See What I See?" Isaiah 9:2-3a - Baby Dedication

December 20 – Candle of Love/Peace/ Angel's Candle – Men's Ministry – Sweater Sunday – "O What a Night" Luke 2:8-11- Morning service followed by meal and festivities

December 20 – Afternoon Service – Candle of Light/ Life/Candle of Christ – Pastoral Ministry – Presentations - "Let's Get Lit" - Matthew 6:14-16

December 21 – Mid-Day Senior Bible Study 11 am. - "Wake Up Everybody" Matthew 1:18-24

December 27 - "The Same Star!" Matthew 2:9-13

January 3 – First Sunday of The New Year - Keep it 100 – "What Now?" Matthew 2:19-23 - The Theme for 2027 is "The Best Is Yet to Come" I Corinthians 2:9

Please note that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are Family Evenings of Prayer and Fellowship. "Stay Lit!"

Joy to the world the Lord has come! Enjoy the season, walk in the light, and let your light shine.

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