



HEYWARD STREET UMC

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December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Call to Worship

Song *The First Noel* UMH 245

Lighting of the Advent Candles Marlene Sipes & Family
Isaiah 64:1-9 Nature Element: leaves

Refrain *A Candle is Burning* Tune: Away in a Manger
A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of HOPE in December's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

Scripture Mark 13:24-37 Pew Bible p 50

Sermon *Our Shocking Hope* Rev. Tammy Blom

Song *When Hope Came Down* Praise Team

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution / Communion

All are welcome at the table. Bring a prayer request card or an offering to place in the plate as you come to receive the bread and juice. Come down the center aisle and return via the side.

Communion Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

Closing Song *O Come All Ye Faithful* UMH 234

Benediction



Christmas Concert Today

Carolina Jazz Society, along with our gifted musicians will present a concert of secular, traditional, and sacred Christmas music from 2:30-5:00 pm in our sanctuary. Come for a while or stay for the afternoon.

Christmas Offering for Epworth Children's Home

Donations are being accepted to support the ministry to children, youth, and young adults at Epworth Children's Home which provides the experience of Christmas for those who are making their current home with foster families or in residential life. Place donations in offering plate or give online.

Poinsettia Order Forms are available in your weekly email and at the back of the sanctuary.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Ara-Viktoria McKinney-Bookman on the passing to eternal life of her aunt, Winifred "Judy" Samuels.

Advent Devotionals will be emailed weekly. Our resource is *Bless the Advent We Actually Have* by Kate Bowler. If you prefer a hard copy of the devotional, please contact Heather in the church office.



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