

1st
SUNDAY
of
ADVENT

EDISTO ISLAND
United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

November 30, 2025

We are called this day to wakefulness, to walk in the light of the Lord, and to long for the peace of God's house – reminding us that salvation draws near and that we must always be ready for the coming of the Lord.

PRELUDE *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"* -Nicolai

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 204

"Emmanuel"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Henry & Harriet Tindall

The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2:4).

Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

***HYMN #731** *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (v.1,3,4)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, we confess that we have grown comfortable in the night. We have made room for worry, for petty quarrels, and for the ways of the world that dull our longing for you. We have fed the desires of the flesh and neglected the armor of light. Forgive us for the times we have closed our eyes when you called us to watch and to prepare.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: in Christ we are clothed with mercy and called to new life. As we turn from the works of darkness and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and set free to walk in the day. Amen.

PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT

Gracious God, open our hearts and ears as your Word is read. Give us the humility to be taught, the courage to be changed, and the vigilance to keep watch. May the words we hear this day awaken us from spiritual sleep, kindle hope in our souls, and send us forth to live honorably as children of the light. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 2: 1-5

THE PSALTER #845

Psalms 122

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 13: 11-14

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 24: 36-44

SERMON

***HYMN #730**

"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY #95**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God, from the beauty of Edisto's shores to the quiet places of our hearts, all we have is a gift from you. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust and instruments of your peace. Use them to feed the hungry, shelter the vulnerable, and proclaim the good news that salvation is near. Bless the givers and the gifts, that your kingdom may come and your will be done. Amen.

***HYMN #206**

"I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light"

***SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION**

Go now in hope and watchfulness.

We will walk in the light of the Lord; seeking the peace of our neighbors and the good of this island community. We will keep awake, clothe ourselves in Christ, and live as people who expect the coming of the Lord.

May the God of peace establish your feet on holy ground and send you in love to serve.

Amen.



The flowers today are given in honor of our church family by Margaret Green & Lorraine Bonura.

Participating in Today's Worship

Steve Strange & Johnelle Mische

Last Sunday - November 23, 2025

Worship Attendance - 31 Online - 21

Last Week's Giving- \$1,410.00

Kayne Gantt, Bob Spratlin, Jane Loy, Connie Strange, Cheryl Van Metre, Evan McMillan, Wayne Bond, Linda Steele, Donna Padgett, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Boozer & Family, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Dale Steele, Margaret Steele, Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren, Billy & Mary

McCollum



Prayer
Requests



Nancie's Clothes Closet

(Mondays 10AM-1PM & 2PM-5PM)

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 3- 10am Mission Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 6- 10am Help decorate the church, followed by a soup luncheon

Sunday, December 7- Hanging of the Greens Service, Communion

Thursday, December 11- 11:30 Godwin-Pate Circle Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 13- Placement of wreathes at Beaufort National Cemetery

Sunday, December 14- Fellowship Brunch

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