



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

### Pastor's Message

November 21, 2022 CHUMC Family,



#### Chapel Hill UMC

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This coming Sunday marks the beginning of the Church New Year otherwise known as Advent. Advent is practiced as a time of waiting. We observe this practice while approaching Christmas, the season in which we celebrate the birth of Christ, the incarnation of the divine in human flesh.

Yet this birthday celebration remains less about the past and more about the future. We celebrate Christ's arrival on Christmas in anticipation of Christ's return. This is why many of the Advent scripture readings may seem challenging, even apocalyptic. Advent is about us being assured by the knowledge of the birth of Christ that the Christ who came will come again. God is faithful and just and will abide by God's promises. It is a call to remain faithful, even when it doesn't make sense.

The Advent Affirmation of Faith written by Presbyterian pastor Rebecca F. Harrison, which we will recite together this Sunday, states in part:

"We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be."

Advent and Christmas remind us to have faith in God's promises. There are powers in this world that work individually, communally, nationally, and globally to turn us away from who God designed us to be. They seek to turn us to greed, corruption, bigotry, violence, and the like rather than love. They corrupt our religious, political, social, and economic lives. They promise us power, comfort, and security from the death and destruction they often cause much like when Satan tempted Jesus by offering him power over all the nations of the world and it seems they wield more power than God at times. Yet Advent calls us to keep the faith and continue to seek to grow in the holiness of love of God and neighbor. When we do, we can know that Christ will return and reveal the powers of this world wield no ultimate power at all.



*Grace and peace,  
Rev. J.D. Allen*

## Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Sam Orton
The Gee Family	Gloria (Pinson) Ming
Tom Sanders	Judy Bull
Danny Halron	Scott Fletcher
Jim Taylor	David Loper
Grandma Gloria	Jim Cranford
Yvette's kids	Margaret Young
Betty Garrison	Braulia Brown and Family
Edrese Hanigan	Family of Mark Calverley
Evelyn Womble	Juan Torres' friend Sabrina
Ralph Minton	Mass Shooting Victims
Kevin Patterson	Families of the Air Show victims
Ruth Fuls	Hurricane Nicole victims



**Our Sunday, December 4th Communion Offering will help provide holiday care packets for our homebound members.**



### Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order Red Christmas Poinsettias for \$15 each. All orders are due by Noon on Sunday, November 27. For detailed information, please see the order forms on the narthex table or call the church office.

### Communion Offering

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### Bible Year 2022 Readings

Tues. Nov. 22	Gal. 5:1-6:18
Weds. Nov. 23	Eph. 1:1-2:22
Thurs. Nov. 24	Eph. 3:1-4:32
Fri. Nov. 25	Eph. 5:1-6:24
Sat. Nov. 26	Phil. 1:1-2:30
Sun. Nov. 27	Phil. 3:1-4:23
Mon. Nov. 28	Col. 1:1-2:23

### Join Us for Online Worship!

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**BIRTHDAY REMINDER:** Please let our church office know your birthdate, mm/dd/yyyy, so your church family can acknowledge your special day. **Your 'year' will remain private:** [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



Martha Johnson	11/3	Vin Scheihagen	11/16
Steve Bandy	11/6	Neela Metzger	11/17
Donna Daggett	11/12	Carol Rose	11/28
Claudia O'Shea	11/14	M Bandy	11/28
		Evelyn Womble	11/30