

MORNING WORSHIP

December 7th, 2025
Color – Purple

2nd Sunday of Advent
PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

FOCUS VERSE

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

Invitation and Gathering

Welcome and Passing of Pew Pads

We are all guests in God’s house. God welcomes us as we gather in worship. Please take time to fill out the pew pads and pass it to your neighbor.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We recall the story of God’s people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God’s provision, God’s prodding, and God’s prophetic guidance.

People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We gather to repent and return anew to God’s story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God’s creation.

People: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AS SYMBOLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

*HYMN OF PRAISE “People Look East” UMH 202

ADVENT READING

First Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.

Second Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

PRAYER

*PASSING THE PEACE

LET THE CHILDREN COME (ages 3-11)

(Following Children’s Time, all children may go to Children’s Church)

PRAISE AND PRAYERS

SHARING OF PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Jesus, Name Above All Names” TFWS 2071

RECEIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to the offering

*Doxology UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

MUSICAL OFFERING

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*SCRIPTURE READING:

Please stand as able for the reading of the Gospel.

Matthew 3:1-12 Ken Jones

THE MESSAGE “Signs and Stories”

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH 12

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving for Advent

The Lord’s Prayer

Giving the Bread and the Cup

*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH “The King of Glory Comes” TFWS 2091

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Stand as you are able.

This worship service is being recorded for posting to our Facebook page. If you do not want to be shown in the videos, please notify the church office.

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer during worship that Pastor Cindy may not be aware of, please write down the name on a piece of paper and give to her before the worship service or contact her or the church office during the week.

Pastor Cindy’s contact information is 864-386-2765 (cell) and email carumsey@umcsc.org.



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Lectionary Study for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199)

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

We Pray For:

Our Members:

Edith Blafield
Family of Reid Lefler
Maria Corley
Dottie Beckham
Becky Hasenjaeger
Carol Martin
Carol Painter
Linda Grant
David McManus, Sr.
Sandy Beckham

Family & Friends:

Steven Martin
David Grant
Judy Prather
Family of Jackie Nichols
Sherry Oxley
Irvin Plowden

Those in the Military:

James Caminiti
Cameron Grant
Dominick Minutole
Tyler Parker

Our World:

Christians in Syria, Nigeria & Liberia
Middle East War
Victims of terror and violence
Ukraine and surrounding countries
Our leaders

*This prayer list will be updated at the beginning of each month.
Please call the church office (328-1496) or email crnrstone@comporium.net*

The Wings of Faith Circle collects individually wrapped snack items and k-cups for the hospice house. There is a basket in the Wesley room for collecting.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CornerstoneUMCRockHill/>
Instagram: [@umc.cornerstone](https://www.instagram.com/@umc.cornerstone)

Volunteers Serving Cornerstone This Month:

Altar Guild: Maxine Smith; **Opening & Closing:** Johnny Starnes
Scripture Reader this week: Ken Jones; **Next week:** Ken Jones
Acolytes Today: DeeDee Anthony; **Next week:** Gavin Sliva
Offering counters today: Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva
Offering counters next week: Teri Brothers; Diana Deyton
Youth S.S. teacher this week: Kathy Hurley
Youth S.S. teacher next week: Angela Constantine

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 7th: 9:30 a.m. Good Eats fellowship
(2nd Sun. of Advent) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship service (w/ Communion)
12:15 p.m. Trustee meeting
Poinsettia orders due in

Monday, Dec. 8th: 10:30 a.m. Advent study class at CUMC

Wednesday, Dec. 10th: 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

Saturday, Dec. 13th: 1-4 p.m. GPS (Seniors group)
Christmas party at Cornerstone
4-6 p.m. Christmas Open House
at parsonage (1072 Eagle Drive)
Everyone welcome to attend!

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 14th: 9:30 a.m. Good Eats fellowship
(3rd Sun. of Advent) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship service with
Children's Christmas pageant
5:15 p.m. Finance meeting
6:00 p.m. Church Council

Monday, Dec. 15th: 10:30 a.m. Advent study class at CUMC

Wednesday, Dec. 17th: 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

*The UMM will once again be hosting feeding the tenants of the Bethel Men's Shelter on Christmas morning . We would like as many as possible to assist us in this outreach project.
A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Contact Marty Monahan if you have questions. 803-370-4239*

Rock Hill Lay Servant School will be held Jan. 24th & 25th at Cornerstone. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 17th. For more information and to register online go to:
umcsc.org/rockhillonlineregistration/

**CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

*Welcome to All Who Worship
With Us Today*



Connect, Care, Commit, Serve

Ministers.....The Congregation
Pastor.....Rev. Cindy Rumsey
Secretary.....Cary Bartelmo
Choir Director.....Zin Bronola

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