

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship. First Sunday of Advent,  
November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

This Service will also be posted on our webpage at “andrewchapelumc.org”

Here is the Order of Worship for our online worship experience.

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means, ‘God with us.’”

Matthew 1:23

### ***Greeting and Welcome***

### ***Prelude Music***

***Choral Introit*** “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Music: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taize, 1984. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

### ***Call to Worship***

Pastor: Come, Lord Jesus!

**All: Today, we begin the journey of Advent. Let us pray that we may be ready and able to welcome the Christ child into our lives again.**

Pastor: May the keeping of Advent be upon our hearts and lives.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus!**

### ***Opening Prayer***

***Opening Hymn of Praise*** “Come, Thou Long – Expected Jesus” UMH #196 Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: Rowland H. Pritchard; harm. from The English Hymnal. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit

rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

### ***Hanging of the Greens and Blessing of the Chrismon Tree and Advent Wreath***

#### ***Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

***Response to the Lighting of the Advent Candle*** “Light the Advent Candle” #2090 TFWS (verse 1)  
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1. Light the Advent candle, one:  
Now the waiting has begun;  
we have started on our way,  
time to think of Christmas day.

#### *Refrain:*

Candle, candle, burning bright,  
shining in the cold winter night;  
candle, candle, burning bright,  
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

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***Hymn*** “Star-Child” TFWS #2095 Words and Music: Shirley Erena Murray. Music: Carlton R. Young. © 1994 Carlton R. Young. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. Star-Child, earth-Child,  
go-between of God,  
love Child, Christ Child,  
heaven's lightning rod,

*Refrain:* This year, this year,  
let the day arrive  
when Christmas comes for everyone,  
everyone alive!

2. Street child, beat child,  
no place left to go,

hurt child, used child  
no one wants to know,  
*Refrain*

3. Grown child, old child,  
memory full of years,  
sad child, lost child,  
story told in tears,  
*Refrain*

4. Spared child, spoiled child,  
having, wanting more,  
wise child, faith child,  
knowing joy in store,  
*Refrain*

5. Hope-for-peace Child,  
God's stupendous sign,  
down-to-earth Child,  
Star of stars that shine,  
*Refrain*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "The Annunciation" Rev. Matthew B. Sergent

**Handbell Choir** "Infant Holy." Arr. by James D. Kimball. *Used with permission of Jeffers Handbell Supply. All rights reserved.*

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn** "People Look East" UMH#202. Words: Elanor Farjeon, 1928. Music: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

4. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

### **Benediction**

Go forth and begin the journey of Advent. Begin your preparations, start the planning, look to the future, but in all you're doing, keep focused on the great gift, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

*Postlude*