Church on the Cape

November 29, 2026
The First Week of Advent
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Welcome to Church on the Cape

Large print bulletins are available upon request.
Please ask an usher if you would like a copy.

All stand if able

HYMN SING — Susie Goodwin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you, Carol Schoener for hosting Coffee Hour today.

PRELUDE **"Chorale Prelude on 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'"**
(Saviour of the Nations, Come)
Karl Wolfrum; Robert Gower, arr.

*****PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Shepherd of Israel, listen!

People: Show yourself to us!

Leader: Come to save us, Lord.

People: Wake up your power!

Leader: Make your face shine so that we can be saved!

People: Restore us, O God.

Leader: Revive us so that we can call on your name.

People: Make your face shine so that we can be saved!

*UNISON PRAYER (Collect for Advent 1 from the Book of Common Prayer)
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and embrace the way of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*****HYMN **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** UMH #196

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING
Leader: Lord who made the stars of heaven,

People: Open the heavens and come down to us.

Leader: Make your name known in all the earth.

People: Let even the stars give the sign of your coming.

Sung Response:

Until Jesus comes, until Jesus comes, I'll be watching and waiting until Jesus comes. (repeat)

Leader: The heavens proclaim your glory, Lord,

People: **You are the one who created the stars and gave them their names.**

Leader: The sun and moon praise your name;

People: **The stars in highest heaven sing your praise!**

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE

Leader: By the stars you give us a sign of your advent.

People : **By the stars you gave the sign of Jesus' birth.**

Leader: Write your message in the heavens once again,

People**: And in the stars, reveal your presence.**

Sung response:

Until Jesus comes, until Jesus comes, I'll be watching and waiting until Jesus comes. (repeat)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9

The prophet yearns for that day when God will come to us and right the wrongs of this world.

STORY TIME

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul tells us that we have all the spiritual gifts we need to be ready for the return of our Lord.

DUET "**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**
Thomas Helmore; Lloyd Larson, arr.
Natalie Smith, Greg Smith

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37

Jesus speaks of the day when the Son of Man returns.

MESSAGE "Dear Santa…"

OFFERING "**Meditation on 'Veni, veni, Emmanuel'"**
(O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)
Rebecca Groom Te Velde

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN **"People, Look East"** UMH #202

BLESSING

POSTLUDE **"Bereite dich, Zion"**
(Prepare Yourself, Zion)
J.S. Bach; Robert Gower, arr.

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Important Dates to Remember



- **Wednesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 3rd,** Drop off your Donations of Treasures, for the Prelude Christmas Fair Sale, 9am-12 pm.
- **Thursday , December 3rd,** Cookie Drop-off by 5:00 pm
- **Friday, December 4th** from 2-4 pm, **or Saturday, December 5th** by 8:00 am -Other Baked Goods and Items drop-off.
- **Saturday, December 5th**, from 8:30-1:00 pm – Prelude Fair!
- **Saturday, December 12th,** at 2:00 pm Chris Humphrey and the Vintage Vocal Quartet Concert.
- **Tuesday, December 15th,** Poinsettia Orders Due
- **Wednesday, December 16th,** 4:00 pm – Senior Moments Concert (at COTC)
- **Thursday, December 24th**, 3:00 pm -Children's Christmas
- **Thursday, December 24th** ,8:00 pm – Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
- **Friday, December 25th,** 10:00 am -Christmas Communion

For a full calendar of events visit our website at
www.churchonthecape.org

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sun. November 29	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 PM	Investment Committee
Tues. December 1	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	12:30 pm	Advent Study Discussion
Wed. December 2	9 am-12pm	Prelude Treasures Drop Off
	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal
Thu. December 3	9:am-12pm	Prelude Treasures Drop Off
		Cookie Drop Off (Until 5:00 pm)
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. December 4	2 -4 pm	Baked Goods & Other Items
Sat. December 5	8:30am-1pm	Prelude Christmas Fair Cargo Shop Open

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. December 6	9:45 am	Hymn Sing
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Final Prelude Sales at Coffee Hour
	2:00 pm	Communion at Huntington Common
Mon. December 7	1:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue. December 8	10:00 am	Knitters
	11:30 am	Picnic Lunch
	12:30 pm	Advent Study Discussion
	4:00 pm	Finance Committee
Wed. December 9	8:30 am	Evangelism Committee
	1:00 pm	Missions
	2:00 pm	Senior Moments Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Trustees
Thu. December 10	10:00 am	Ministry of Caring
	3:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. December 12	10am-12pm	Cargo Shop Open
	2:00 pm	Chris Humphrey and the Vintage Vocal Quartet Concert

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

George Acker
Anne Marie Beppler
Nancy Beppler Hough-Ross
Gail Browning
Ada Byrnes
Judy Cadieux
Robert Scott Campbell
Julie Chase
Mary Heather Cookson
Rebecca Lynn Cortez
Risha Deary
Jean Earley
Sally Ewton
Beth Dudley
Henry & Diane Dynia
Faith Gilmore
Harold Falcone
Patty Hutchins
Bethany Hessel
Louise Hurlbutt
Micki Kinney
Lesa Kraft Angelos
Brett LaCour
Nicholas LaCour
Joan Lennon
Janet Lennon
Charity Perry Liutai
Marybeth Munroe
Ann Nelson
Stewart Pratt
Luverne Preble
Steve Russell
Beryl Samia
Lettie Samuel
Eric Schoener
Lois Small
Nancy Treadwell
Linda Woodard

Birthdays



December 3 **Diane Guertin**
December 6 **Steve Russell**
December 7 Rich Parsons
December 8 Sandra St. Jean
December 9 Priscilla Campbell-Wyman
December 10 Janet Acker
December 15 Ann Hand & Judy Tripp
December 19 Isabella Simmons
December 20 Jody Chase
December 26 Roberta Sanborn
December 28 Tom Bradbury, Chase McIver, Diana & Natalie Smith
December 31 Ginny Hammar

If you would like to add a birthday to our list, please let the office know

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PARISH NEWS

ADVENT STUDY

Our Advent Study group resumes next week. We will discuss chapter two of "Light of the World." This group meets on Tuesday, December 1 at 12:30-1:30 p.m. and on ZOOM on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The books are available at the church.

Here is the ZOOM link for the Wednesday evening group:

Topic: Church on the Cape Evening Group

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82318300348?pwd=tb1TZnwqBIcfdI044hpYln8ByXqPL4.1

Meeting ID: **823 1830 0348**

Passcode: **LTG16Y**

FRAGRANCE REMINDER

For the health and consideration of our community, please refrain from wearing fragrances, such as perfume and cologne.

Thank you.

SOCKS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for all your generous contributions to the 2026 sock drive.

The final amount contributed is $7000.00

May God bless you for the love you have given to those in need.

MCCLELLAND FOUNDATION PRESENTS



Chris Humphrey and the Vintage Vocal Quartet returns on Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 pm.

Worship Attendance

November 15

In Person-57 Online- 138

Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

Everyone is welcome at Church on the Cape, UMC, without exception. What matters most to us and what unites us as a vibrant, com-passionate community of faith, is the assurance that we are all beloved children of God and of sacred worth to our Creator. Come as you are and join us on our faith journeys as we seek to make followers of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Join us from wherever you call home. If you like what you see here, we post our worship, music, children's messages, and sermons online - you can find them via our website: www.churchonthecape.org

You can give online by clicking on the QR Code below:

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