FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	*The King Shall Come*	ELW 260
Hymn of Day	*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*	ELW 244
Sending	*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*	ELW 435
Prelude	*Adagio*	*Franz Liszt*
Anthem	*none*	
Communion	*Chorale from 1st Sonata*	*Mendelssohn*
Postlude	*Andante*	*Mendelssohn*

Lighting of the Wreath Prayer – Advent 1:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake
at your presence—2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to
make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your
presence! 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the
mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet those
who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we
sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is
unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our
iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to
take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of
our iniquity. 8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all
the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity
forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim.

[2] **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**
[3] Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
[4] **O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
[5] You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
[6] **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
[7] Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
[17] **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
[18] And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
[19] **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-37
[Jesus said:] [24] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25] and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. [28] "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **weekly bulletin** is printed on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Please submit any announcements to the church office before then. Thank you.
- The **Grapevine deadline** for submission of articles is the **20th of every month**. Please submit any articles/information to the church office before then. Thank you.
- Denise's new office hours starting in November: Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- God's Helping Hands current needs are: miscellaneous canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- **We need blessing box supplies**! Thank you for continuing to support the Blessing Box. The need for food and basic supplies remains strong. Please drop supplies off in the Cameron Hallway or in the kitchen. Thank you for helping keep it stocked! **Helpful items include:** Peanut butter crackers, canned meats, canned pasta, canned fruit, soup, cereal, shelf-stable milk, granola bars, rice or pasta sides, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant. *Please choose items that do not require refrigeration. Pop-top cans are especially helpful.*
- **2027 Church Directory:** As we prepare the 2027 Church Directory, please take a few minutes to review the updated membership information sent through Evine and confirm that your family's information is correct. If you notice any changes that need to be made, please email them to the church office. We would also love to include your most current family photo. Please let us know if you have a new photo you would like us to use. Additionally, sign-up sheets for church teams and ministries are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take a moment to sign up for any opportunities that interest you. While you're there, don't forget to verify that your church directory information is accurate.
- **Mark Your Calendars**: The annual OSLC Christmas Dinner will be held on December 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More details and ticket sales will be forthcoming.
- **Poinsettias**: Help us beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Poinsettia order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Please complete a form and return it by December 14th.
- **December Razberries**: Friday December 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
  Location: Home of Francis and Rebecca Fingerlin 150 Manning Drive West Columbia
  Bring your favorite Hors d'Oeuvres and beverage of choice.
  We also ask you bring a nonperishable food item for our blessing box.

In our prayers this week, we commend the following individuals to God's gracious care. If a name belongs to someone outside our congregation, please let the office know your connections. If there are any names to update, please also let us know additions or changes.

Melanie Amick
Gerald Bush (Friend of Sandra Hughes)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Virginia M. Cromer
Katie Doble
Jerry Hite
Dolores Hopkins
Herman Shealy
Amanda Williams and family upon the death of her brother

SERVERS	**Today**	**Next Week**
Greeters	Mark & Ann Satterwhite	Horace & Betty Meetze
Lector	Ann Satterwhite	Noah Hutto
Worship	Ann Satterwhite	**need volunteer*
	NOVEMBER	**DECEMBER**
Ushers	Steve Nivens, Chief Mark Satterwhite	Jim Garner, Chief Wayne Lybrand
Tellers	Beth Cleland/Melba Murphy	Pam Hanfland/Linda Griffith/ Caroline Raszewski
Offering Pickup	Steve Nivens	Wayne Lybrand
Property	Steve Nivens	Jim Garner
Altar Guild	Steve and Beverly Nivens	Isma Boland/Melba Murphy

Sunday, ***November 29***	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday, ***December 2***	8:00 a.m.	USC Retirees
Sunday, ***December 6***	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Council Meeting
Monday, ***December 7***	10:30 a.m.	Rebekah/Cameron Circle
Friday, ***December 11***	6:00 p.m.	Razberries