

**November 21, 2021**

**Pennies for Hunger: December 5**

**November missions offering:  
The Shepherd Center of Uganda**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Services are live-streamed **each Sunday**. Find out how at [www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org).

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT is **Nov. 28**.

COVID-19: All scheduled events are still subject to change because of the pandemic. Wearing face masks is still *strongly* recommended.

HONOR CARDS for G.U.M. and Habitat for Humanity are on sale **Sun., Nov. 21-Sun., Dec. 19** in the Gathering Room, **before and after worship each week**. See insert or Linda Causey for more information (336.339.0897, [lindafcausey@gmail.com](mailto:lindafcausey@gmail.com)).

KIDS R.O.C.K.: No meeting Nov. 28. Fellowship group for 2nd-5th graders; meets **4:45-5:45p** in Kids R.O.C.K. room. **Dec. 5** program: *Secret Message (Matthew 2:10)*.

YOUTH GROUPS: No meeting tonight, Nov. 28. Rest up and get ready for some productive rehearsals for *Rooty's Christmas Wish*.

DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS is **tomorrow, Mon., Nov. 29**. Use the form in bulletin packet, please and thank you.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Performed by the Choral Society of Greensboro, **Wed., Dec. 1, 7p** at the Carolina Theatre (301 S. Greene St.). Admission free, donations gratefully accepted. **REQUIRED:** Facemasks **and** proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test.

POTTERS HOUSE MEALS: Supper at Greensboro Urban Ministry's dining room is on the **third Sat. of odd months**. Next times: **Jan. 15, Mar. 19**. Breakfasts are on the **first Sat. of even months**. Next: **Dec. 4, Feb. 5**. Contact Darren Hadley to sign up to help serve our hungry guests ([darren.hadley@triad.rr.com](mailto:darren.hadley@triad.rr.com)).

OPEN WORD BIBLE STUDY Next meeting is **Wed., Dec. 8, 11a**, in the Coble House. Bring a bag lunch, if you'd like, for afterwards.

OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP **does not meet again** until after the first of the new year.

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE DRIVE: Volunteers can register to ring (at Walmart or other locations) at this site: [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com).

SENIORS & FRIENDS fellowship group meets on the **first Mon. of even months**. Next event: Lunch at Coble House, **Mon., Dec. 6, 11:30a-1p**. Let the church office know you plan to attend, please and thank you.

ALES FOR ALS: Fri., Dec. 10., at Oden Brewery. *Chuck Mountain* band plays **7-10p**. A portion of profits from new brew "Chuck Mountain Dew" goes to the ALS Foundation, to help in their quest to discover treatments and a cure for ALS; and to empower people affected by ALS to live to the fullest.

A VISIT WITH SANTA is **Sat., Dec. 11 at 3p**. Sponsored by L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Fellowship Together.)

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS will be presented in worship on **Sun., Dec. 12**. Poinsettias make their first appearance in the sanctuary.

CAROLS & ALE at Oden Brewery; **Sun., Dec. 12, 3-5p**. Local churches' ecumenical event. MEETS starts its **Dec. 12** meeting at Carols & Ale; travels from thence to Sunset Hills to view the annual "celestial orbs" (tree balls) display. (MEETS details are at <http://evite.me/xFCa9fgBsq>)

PASTOR JESS' BOOK CLUB meets **Tues., Dec. 28, 7p**. "Advent Free-for-All" (see insert for details). Contact Jess to let her know you want to join ([jess@alamancechurch.org](mailto:jess@alamancechurch.org)).

STEPSOULS EXERCISE CLASS meets **M-Th, 4:30-6p; Sat. 8:30-10a** in the Community Room under sanctuary. Details: APC website and Phyllis Monroe ([phylmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:phylmonroe@gmail.com)).

Staff love offering

will be collected during worship on **Sundays Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and 12**. Use the special envelope, or deliver directly to the church office.

Year-end donations

To claim a tax-deductible charitable donation for 2021, donors must deliver or mail (and postmark) donations **on or before Dec. 31, 2021**. Checks written, mailed and postmarked in 2021 **will** be tax-deductible, even if not received until 2022. Checks hand-delivered after Jan. 1, 2022 **will not qualify** for 2021 tax deductions, even if dated 2021.

**Church offices will be closed Dec. 24**. A skeleton staff will be on hand **Dec. 27-31**. Any personally-delivered checks should be placed in Dana Adam's workroom mailbox.

Food Pantry

**Special collection for December: Soups**

A large blue bin behind Brown Fellowship Hall is for shelf-stable food donations. **Contact the Food Pantry to donate fresh produce or meat.**

A large carton in the Gathering Room is for shelf-stable food, clean dry plastic bags, and clean dry empty egg cartons (to re-pack donated eggs).

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL: Food Pantry Team **needs** you. Volunteer your service! **Go here to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/h2b6xy>**

**Church Staff**

**Dr. Kyle Goodman**, Lead Pastor  
**Rev. Jess Rigel**, Discipleship Pastor  
**Andrew Long**, Dir., Youth Ministries  
**Joy Thomas**, Dir., Children's Ministries  
**Katie Long**, Director of Music  
**Rebecca Oden**, Pianist  
**Dana Adams**, Finance Coordinator  
**Lynn Barnes**, Administrative Assistant  
**Mary Ellen Shores** Director, Child Development Center  
**Jane Preston** Asst. Dir., CDC

Presbyterian Women Circles meet:

**Martha Brown: Wed., Dec. 8, 12:30p** in the Coble House.

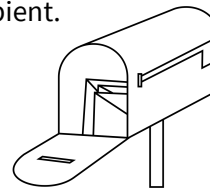
**Red Hat: Tues., Nov. 30, 6:30p** in the Coble House.

**Agapé: Sat., Dec. 11, 11:30a** at Ciao Restaurant at Stoney Creek.

**L.I.F.T.: Check with your moderator.**

Christmas Card Mailbox 2021:  
in the Thin Place

Bring Christmas cards for church members, drop them in the alphabetized mailing system by LAST name, please and thank you, pick up your own cards anytime during the season. If you visit a friend or neighbor, take their cards with you! Every effort will be made to ensure that each card finds its way to the intended recipient.



ONLINE GIVING:

[www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org) has instructions to sign up with Easy Tithe for online giving.

**To give by Text:** text the word "give" to **336-396-6133**. Follow the prompts to set up an account and make donations. This is the **only** reason to text: The church does not have a way to accept regular text messages.

Need to make changes to your account? Contact Dana Adams: 336.697.0488 x127, [dana@alamancechurch.org](mailto:dana@alamancechurch.org).

CHURCH OFFICE

**(336)-697-0488**

[info@alamancechurch.org](mailto:info@alamancechurch.org)

During normal business days, the church office is open **8:30a-2:30p** on **M-T-Th-F;** **8:30a-12:30p** on **Wednesday**.



We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 10 a.m.



Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

Lay Reader today is Kathy Medder.

**Opening Music**

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

- arr. Thomas Keesecker

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

Song sheet

## Confession and Reconciliation

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your arrival. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

### A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

### Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors. Greet those near you from your seat, if you are with us in person. If you are with us online, send a message or make a call to share peace. We encourage everyone to share Christ's peace with all your friends and neighbors, in whatever way you can, after the service.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

### \*Sung Response *Joy to the World* Song sheet

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

## The Word

### First Scripture Reading *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem *Come, Emmanuel, Come* - arr. Jay Rouse

### Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now leave the sanctuary for Children's Church — a worship time designed especially for them — in the Community Room downstairs. They will rejoin us after the Message.

### Second Scripture Reading *Luke 21:25-36*

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### Message *Black Friday Beasts and Advent Grinches* Dr. Kyle Goodman

## Thanksgiving & Offering

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

There are many ways to say the Lord's Prayer. This ecumenical phrasing is inclusive and expansive, because God is bigger and wider than our human understanding. Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if what you say is different than your neighbor.

### Call to Offering

### Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>. We encourage you to mail your pledge card to the church office; or email Finance Coordinator Dana Adams ([dana@alamancechurch.org](mailto:dana@alamancechurch.org)) with your pledge details.

### Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - arr. Dan Forrest

### \*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

(tune name *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Sending

### \* Sending Hymn *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* Song sheet

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Closing Music

\* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the ministers stand at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship.

The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new church calendar year. Lectionary Year C commences on **Sunday, November 28**. A *lectionary* is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study. This congregation uses the **Revised Common Lectionary**, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year C Scripture for the First Sunday of Advent, **November 28:** *Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36.*

Lectionary Year C Scripture for the Second Sunday of Advent, **December 5:** *Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 1:68-79, 3:1-6.*



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.  
We are a Hunger Action Congregation.  
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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