



November 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent

Prelude Ushering in The Light of Christ...

A Time to Gather Welcome/Announcements/A Word of Hope!

Blessing and Lighting the Advent Wreath

ALL: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Call to Worship

ONE: It is a joy to enter the house of the Lord!

ALL: Here we lay aside our differences and pray for one another.

ONE: Here we catch a glimpse of light, a promise of hope and new life.

**ALL: Here we wait for the coming of the one who will teach us
how to love and serve.**

ONE: It is a joy to enter the house of the Lord!

ALL: Come, Let us praise God!

A Time to Sing: *Here I Am to Worship*
Days of Elijah

WS #3177/ on screen

WS #3186/on screen

A Time to Pray:

God of hope, we come before you full of expectation for what lies ahead. We are excited about the coming of Christ, but we know there is much to do before Christ arrives. A house needs to be prepared— a house in our hearts, where your grace may enter. A people needs to pray— a people longing for peace, that reconciliation may take hold in our world. A light needs to be turned on— a light of holy love, that we may reflect your glory. God of new life, prepare our hearts and our lives so that we may wait with joy and hope for the birth of your Son. Amen.

A Time to Sing *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* **UMH #196**

A Time to Listen SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 24: 36-44

A Time to Prepare *Like A Child* **TFWS #2092**

A Time to Speak *Put on PEACE* *Rev. Patricia Abell*

A Time to Respond Prayer For God's People, Church & World
saying, God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

A Time to Give Offering ...

Doxology *Glory Be To The Father* **UMH #70**

A Time to Sing *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* **UMH #206**

A Time to Go And... Sending Forth with Blessing

*Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* **UMH #204**



We welcome you to worship with us again!

To our guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate or see the pastor. Join us in the overflow room for fellowship time after the service.

Calendar of Events at Rockland:

- DEC 1 – Thursday Bible Study 10 am *"Under Wraps"*
- Dec 3 – Hanging the Greens, 10a
- DEC 8 – Thursday Bible Study "Pack A Purse/Bag"
- Dec 11 – Cantata with Saint James, Pot Luck Fellowship
- Dec 18 – Caroling for Homebound Saints with Saint James
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Worship, 7 pm
- Dec 25 – Christmas Sunday Worship, 11 am
- Jan 01 – New Year's Sunday Worship, 11 am

✚ The Rockland Thursday Bible Study is collecting items (by December 8) to put into purses or bags. Please help us gather personal items – travel size works best. The Board of Child Care will distribute the purses or bags to homeless teens. Here are some suggestions for items to be included:

- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Washcloth
- Lip balm
- Small packages of tissues
- Hand lotion
- Body puffs
- Simple jewelry such as necklaces and bracelets
- Hair bows
- Small makeup cases
- Small wallets

✚ **Pray for those in need:** Family of Gladys Latimer, Oliver family, Shirley Massey, Joshua Poe, Ken Dobrovolsky, Lois White, Mamie White, Paul & Ruth Cook, Lydia & Jim Roth, Glenda Teachey, Carol Lucas, Dale Wagner, Liz Wagner, Shane Mayhew, Austin & Mary Twigg, Marilyn Victory, Shirley Gamber, John Klein Sr, Eric & Cindy, Faith, Janae, Lexi, Gene & Jaimie Phelps, Dave Twigg, Bob Dewling, Baby Lincoln and family, travelers

✚ **Pray for our home-bound:** Jack LeBon, Phil McShane, Leslea & Marvin Musser, Sue Stein, Thelma Stirn



Is a Community that:

Communicates God's Word,

Invites Commitment,

Cares for others and

Celebrates God's love through witness and service

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Put on Peace



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Sunday Worship at 11:00 am