



Second Sunday of Advent

The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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A TAPESTRY OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

December 7, 2025

***Where indicated, please stand if you are able.**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

WELCOME

Rev. Jill Rhinehart

“I Wonder as I Wander” and “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Biltmore Brass Quintet

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Angela Woehl and April Thomas

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Ringin’ God’s Praise Handbell Choir Processional

“A Tiny Child Will Come”

Chancel Choir

“The First Noel”

Ringin’ God’s Praise Handbell Choir

***CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY**
See bulletin insert for lyrics

Handbells, Choir, Brass, Congregation

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS

“Carol of the Bells”

“In Dulcilo,” and “I Saw Three Ships”

Biltmore Brass Quintet

“Immanuel”

Chancel Choir

“Ev’ry Child”

Chancel Choir

“Away in a Manger”

Christmas Music Camp, with Veronica Bagwell

“Whisper! Whisper!”

Chancel Choir
Soloists Julianne Arnall, Tom Kuhn

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Chancel Choir

***SENDING FORTH / BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jill Rhinehart

Advent people, go now in the blessing and inspiration of God to live God’s story wherever you go, that your lives may be an invitation to others to join in the journey to the day that all the earth awaits.

“God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen

Biltmore Brass Quintet

Our service of worship has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.

POINSETTIAS

In honor of **Brett, Beck, Nelson, Taira, Weston,
John, Meg, & Sam** — Given by Liz Ream

In honor of **Kyle Davis, Christina & Addison Maull** — Given by Jane Davis

In memory of **J. Hubert Ream** — Given by Liz Ream

In memory of **Edwin & Irene Saxman** — Given by Ed & Nancy Saxman

In memory of **Roy and Margaret Chapman** — Given by Jane Davis

In memory of **Willard and Pauline Davis** — Given by Jane Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God, and given by **The Altar Guild!**

Sunday’s Ushers: Thank you to our Ushers! **Bob Barcafer, Jerry Kirschner, Pat Kirschner, Michelle Troxell** (Steward)! Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Sylvia Nicks!**

The Wreaths on the church’s front doors were generously donated by **Boyd’s Christmas Trees**, who are also selling trees and wreaths in our front lawn. Come find your perfect tree and support a local business!

Advent Poinsettias— Are available for purchase! Additional order forms are available at the back of the Sanctuary. **Plants will be \$7!** Please place your orders with the church office **at least one week before your preferred Sunday.**

Food Donations— If you’d like to donate to help feed our community, non-perishable foods are being accepted for our **Blessing Box**, as well as the **Manna Food Barrel** in the **East Asheville Library** (Behind the Fire Station).

Community High School’s students are in need of socks, gloves, and hats! Please donate as you are able, donations can be hung on the Christmas tree in front of the nursery!

Christmas Eve Service— This year’s Christmas Eve service will be at **5:00 on December 24.**

2026 Altar Flower Calendar - is posted on the bulletin board in the front hall. We hope you will sign up to provide flowers for worship on the Sunday of your choice!

Return to Bethlehem will be here next week. Set-up will begin on Monday, **performances will run from the 11th-14th.** Sign up to volunteer on ABCCM’s website!

Blessing Box— We’re asking that **members refrain from stocking the box with supplies from the church.** This will help maintain a more consistent inventory and ensure supplies are distributed more evenly.

Family 2 Family— is collecting donations for a single mother in our community, whose child at Duke Hospital. Donations will help her family find temporary lodging and transportation. Contact Tina if you’d like to donate.

There are updated Homebound Lists in the back hallway, please take a copy to send Christmas Cards to our Homebound Members!

CHURCH CALENDAR: DEC. 7 — 13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00: Agape Sunday School Class	11:00: Prayer Group	11:00: Advent Study Group	11:30: Table of 16	10:30: Isaac Group		
10:30: Worship Service	3:00: Hand-bells		4:00: UMM at VRQ			
3:00: Shirley Studwell memorial	6:00: Brown-ies		6:00: AA	Return to Bethlehem 6-8:30	Return to Bethlehem 6-8:30	Return to Bethlehem 2-8:30
5:00: Youth	Return to Beth. Setup	Return to Beth. Setup	Return to Beth. Setup			

CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY LYRICS:

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
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O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

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Debbie Bailey
Julianne Arnall

Alto
Linda Geer
Jane Morse

Tenor
Larry Barber
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Bass
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