

St. John's is Mask Optional: Masks are not required in our church buildings - with one exception. In order to provide a safe space for those who require or desire it, the balcony will remain "mask required" during worship services. This policy will be reviewed regularly by the Church Guidance Team.

This Week's Calendar

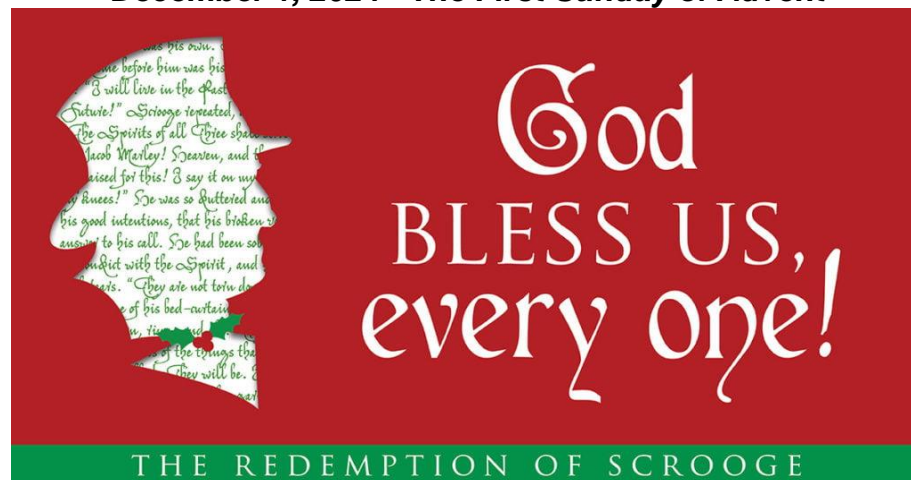
Today, 12/1	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	9:30 AM	Worship (S)
	10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship (HH/K)
	11:00 AM	Nativity Fundraiser Meeting (WR1)
Mon, 12/2	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	1:00 PM	Stitch and a Prayer (HH)
	6:45 PM	Recovery Group Mtg. (HH)
	7:00 PM	Women's Book Group (WR1)
Tues, 12/3	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	2:30 PM	Study Club (HH)
	6:00 PM	Troop 180 (HH)
	7:00 PM	Advent Study (WR1/Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Sisters Group (SS)
Wed, 12/4	8:30 AM	Early Risers (McConnell Center)
	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	6:00 PM	Boy Scout Leadership Planning
	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts 51480 (WR3)
	7:00 PM	Meditation Group (Zoom)
Thurs, 12/5	9:00 AM - Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM	Bread of Life (HH,K)
	6:00 PM	<i>Praiseworthy</i> Rehearsal (S)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	God In Yoga (Zoom)
Fri, 12/6	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	
Sat, 12/7	All Day	Concert Prep
Sun, 12/8	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	9:30 AM	Worship (S)
	10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship (HH/K)
	5:00 PM	Holiday Concert (S,HH,K)

Hartford Hall, Sunday School, Wesley Room, Nursery, Sanctuary, Kitchen
 (HH) (SS 1, 2,3,4,5) (WR 1,2,3) (N) (S) (K)

WELCOME PACKETS - Feel free to take/share one of the Welcome Packets that are in the Narthex. These are great resources for newcomers!

St. John's United Methodist Church

December 1, 2024 - The First Sunday of Advent



THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE

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 Rev. Carroll Moore and Rev. Les Pettit, Ministers Emeriti
 Stephen MacKenzie, Director of Music/Organist
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 Jeff Mitchell, Organist
 Patty Hoogeveen, Accompanist
 George Reagan, Percussionist
 Andy Galt and Guy Eaton, Carillonners
 Larry Holman, Lay Leader
 Jana Marie Whitten and Wanda Winnicki, Deaconesses
 Rev. Dr. Jaquelyn Brannen, Superintendent, Granite District
 Rev. Dr. Thomas Bickerton, Bishop, New England Conference
 Janet Warfield, Today's Liturgist
 Bobbie Garneau & Jana Marie Whitten, Healing Team

* - Indicates please stand if comfortable doing so
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS - The Faith We Sing

Order of Service

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Rev. Jeff Hunt

Call To Worship

Janet Warfield

One: Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God's peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.

All: The days are surely coming!

One: Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God's reign among us.

All: The days are surely coming and are already here!

One: Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kingdom on the earth here and now. Will you join in?

All: The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God's call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH 209 (Purple)

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Prayer of Confession

On Screen

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:6-7 and Luke 1:46-47, 52-55

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Advent Alleluia

Wagner

Message

Bah Humbug!

Pastor Jeff

***Hymn of Response**

TFWS 2095 (Black)

Star-Child

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Invitation to Give and to Serve God

The fish basket is in the center aisle and you may bring your offerings as you come forward for communion. There is also an offering plate in the Narthex for your convenience.

The Lord's Supper

Our table is open to all who desire to follow Jesus. The usher will indicate when it is time for your pew to join the line in the center aisle. We will give you a piece of bread to eat (Gluten Free available upon request from your server), and then a cup of the grape juice to drink. Cups can be returned to the communion rail. You may kneel for a personal time of prayer if you wish. When ready, please return by the side aisles to your seat. If you wish to receive the ministry of anointing or laying on of hands, stop at the end of the rail nearest the piano.

Communion Song

Seek Ye First

UMH 405 (Purple) V.1

***Closing Hymn**

UMH 580 (Purple)

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Blessing and Sending Forth

Music as We Leave

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

All are invited into Hartford Hall immediately following this morning's worship service for fellowship and refreshments. Hartford Hall is the building to your right as you exit the sanctuary.

ALTAR FLOWERS - There are multiple vacancies on the sign-up poster in Hartford Hall. Contact Sheila Marquette with questions.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS - given to the glory of God by Jane and Guy Eaton.

CHURCH NEWSLETTERS - Would you like to receive our weekly church newsletter, News & Notes, and/or our monthly newsletter, *The Bellwether*? Sign up through the link on the Contact page on our website!
<https://stjohnsdover.org/contact/>

COFFEE HOUR - Can you help? Sign up in Hartford Hall by the serving window.