



The people of
Hinton Avenue United Methodist Church
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in Belmont and Beyond

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November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

“Walk in the Reign”

Rory Cooney

Chancel Choir Women; Elizabeth Scribner, Minister of Music

Call to Worship

People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!
As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.
The days are surely coming, says Our God, when justice and righteousness will prevail.
May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds,
freeing us to respond joyfully to God’s call in the days to come.

Hymn (205)

People Look East

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Isaiah 60:2-3

Ariel Rishworth & Bex Simmerman

Response (211)

O Come, O Come, Immanuel, stz. 1

Opening Prayer

Righteous One, your glory shines brighter than the sun. We remember your compassion and your faithful love, as we come to worship this day. Lift up our souls to meet the challenges we face, as we seek to bear the fruit of your salvation. May your righteous branch grow within our hearts, that our lives may abound in mercy and steadfast love. And may we be found ready and waiting when the one drawing near comes with power and glory to bring us to you. Amen.

First Reading

Amos 5:21-24

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Rev. Lewis

Sermon

“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year?”

Rev. Lewis

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Marty Haugen

Chancel Choir Men; Elizabeth Scribner, Minister of Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn (2177)

Wounded World that Cries for Healing

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Dismissal with Blessing

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Announcements

Welcome to our guests! We hope that in worship, everyone will be able to experience the warmth of God's love, the power of Jesus' resurrection, and the gift of fellowship in the Holy Spirit. We invite you to visit us as often as you are able and to become part of our church family. We have many opportunities to worship, learn, grow, and serve, and encourage you to find the ones that are right for you. For more information on any of our ministries, or to discuss becoming a member of our church, please speak to our pastor or lay leader.

Thank you for your generous support of Christ's ministry through the United Methodist Church! So far, we have paid \$30,837, or 86% of our 2021 Conference and District apportionments. A balance of \$4995 remains for us to be paid in full.

Rediscover the gift that comes without packages, ribbons, and bows as we explore the faith themes of The Grinch in our Advent study, The Heart that Grew Three Sizes. Meeting Friday at 10am in Rev. Lewis' office at on Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3FIXnLq>

Christmas Poinsettias for the Sanctuary are coming soon! Please let Frances Marshall know ASAP if you would like her to order one in honor or memory of a loved one for \$12 each. You may also buy and bring your own!

Young Adult Small Group is meeting at the parsonage Sundays at 7pm. Pray for our group and its growth! If you know someone under 40 who might enjoy connecting with others, learning about the bible, and talking about questions and faith, please connect them with Rev. Lewis. We would love to welcome them!

The Service of the Longest Night honors those who are experiencing grief, depression, or other difficulties at Christmastime. Held on the Winter Solstice (the longest night of the year), this service is quiet and contemplative. It allows us to express grief and pain while reminding one

another of the promise of hope Christ brings. We will share this service with the Rev. Jim Bleakley and the Charlottesville Vineyard Church. 7 pm on Tuesday, December 21st in the sanctuary and on Zoom at <https://bit.ly/2JAKOGW>

In-Person Worship has resumed but the pandemic continues to impact our community and people who are unvaccinated, especially children under 12. Charlottesville has been classified as an area of Substantial Community Transmission by the CDC, prompting them to advise that everyone wear masks indoors in public. Therefore, our Church Council asks that everyone resume masking and social distancing in worship until community transmission subsides. Asking fully vaccinated members to mask does not negate the efficacy of the vaccine. Instead, it shows how we need to continue loving and protecting everyone, and helps prevent vaccinated people from spreading the highly-contagious Delta variant unknowingly. We continue to encourage everyone eligible to be vaccinated to get the shot. Please continue to stay home if you are sick. We will continue to offer worship online through Zoom and Facebook. Check www.hintonavenueumc.org for the latest details.

We prayerfully ask that you sustain your generosity so that Hinton Avenue can continue to be a blessing to others. You may want to consider making your offerings to the church through a **periodic automatic draft from your bank account**, as many members have already done. This relieves you of writing and mailing a check (banks will mail it free of charge for you) and assures the church of your ongoing support, even on those times when you cannot be with us in Sunday worship. You may also give via **PayPal** by using the “donate” buttons at <http://www.hintonavenueumc.org> or on our [FaceBook](#) page.

Praying for One Another – Nov. 28, 2021

At Home
Donald Allen
Mary Lambert
Tom Goodman
Sonny Mawyer
Edith Coleman
Lieu Lewis
Kathy Miller
John Holmes
Joanne Burruss

Frances Walton
Charles & Ruth Bankard
Neil McLaughlin
Debbie Stollings
Vicki Shiflett
The Wilkinson Family
Brenda Myers
Virginia Dorrier
Frances Marshall

Buddy Durham
Family of Maureen Collins
Family of Mike Mowbray

At Rosewood Village
Charlotte Blincoe

At The Laurels
W.E. Pittman

If you would like a pastoral visit or home communion with Rev. Lewis. Please schedule at 804-852-8476 or at <https://calendly.com/rdlewis75>

It is important that we remain gathered in spirit

Join us in person, by computer, mobile device, or telephone.

You can join us for Worship on Sundays at 11 am

To join the Zoom meeting, visit <https://bit.ly/2JAKOGW>

or dial 1(646)876-9923 and enter: Meeting ID: 142 714 820# Password: 436770

Or view on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/hintonaveumc/live

