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EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holidays 2024



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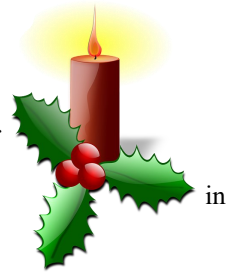


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Advent, derived from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming" or "arrival," encapsulates the essence of expectation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. This sacred season spans the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, serving as a time of spiritual reflection, anticipation, and hope for Christians around the world.

December 1- December 22, 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Advent I - Advent IV— Although, the liturgical color most commonly associated with the season of Advent is purple, at Emmanuel we use blue. These rich and regal hue hold profound symbolic significance, encapsulating the themes of penitence, preparation, and royalty. The use of purple and blue during Advent serves as a visual reminder of the solemnity and introspection that characterize this season, inviting believers to engage a period of spiritual reflection and anticipation as they prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.



Advent II

December 8th— 10:00 am Service

St. Nicholas Youth Sunday—Kids will read and sing, carry the cross and ring bells. Jolly Old St. Nick will make a visit followed by Breakfast with Saint Nick in the Parish Hall. **Everyone please wear your P.J. (yes, even the adults can wear their jammies!)**



CHAOS Christmas Movie Night, 5:30—8:00 pm

Let's kick off the holiday season right with a cozy movie night and dinner as a group! (Please notice that we are starting an hour early to accommodate the timing of the movie.)

Advent III

December 15th, 11:00 am

Cocoa & Carols Coffee Hour/Bells Choir Concert

Following the 10:00 am service, the Bell Choir will ring in the season. We'll sing the likes of *Joy to the World* and *Rudolf, the Red Nose Reindeer*. **Wear your craziest Christmas attire.** And there will cocoa and cookies, of course!



Merry
Christmas

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Our 10 -Year Vision for Emmanuel

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a thriving, engaged and creative parish working to educate and meet the needs of children, youth and adults; live and demonstrate our Christian values; and create a more humane and just world through community service and outreach.

Diocesan Bishops

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The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris

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Sunday Services

8:00 am, 10:00 am

Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday
10:00am– 2:00pm

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Advent IV

December 22th- Holy Eucharist 8:00 am and 10:00 am

On the fourth Sunday of Advent (Advent IV), we celebrate God's faithfulness in sending Jesus, and we remember that faithfulness as we look forward to Christ's second coming.



Christmas Services

December 24th

1:00 pm Sensory Friendly Christmas Service

If a traditional Christmas Eve worship service is overwhelming for you or your loved one, please join us for Emmanuel's Sensory-Friendly Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist and "No practice pageant."



4:00 pm - Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

The BIGGEST CAN'T MISS SERVICE OF THE YEAR! No rehearsal required, festive, fun, and unique pageant organized by Rev. Jen. Christmas carols will be sung throughout!



9:00 pm - Christmas Eve Vigil & Holy Eucharist

Candlelit traditional Holy Eucharist with full choir and festive music.

December 25th – Christmas Day 10:00 am

A mid-morning celebration of the Savior's birth. Music provided by the Guitar Group.

Advent Devotional on Emmanuel Voices

So much waiting and so little time. During the four short weeks of Advent, Christians anticipate both a baby being born and the end of time. God takes an enormous leap of faith to be born as an infant in the manger. The more nebulous Second Coming seems like a fairy tale to us. But in a single tick of the clock, God infuses the fullness of time. Life is what happens while we are waiting, right? Waiting on faith, hope, and love. Waiting for the Child and waiting for God. This online devotional marks each of the 24 days of Advent with art, literature, and links to the Daily Office readings. Click [here](#) to explore

