



**St. Mark Presbyterian Church**  
First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024

**Gathering Music**

Worship Team

**Welcome**

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Christ is coming!

**All: Let us rejoice with songs of praise!**

One: Christ is coming!

**All: Let us dwell in the hope of our coming Savior!**

One: Christ is coming!

**All: Let us worship God—Our creator, redeemer, and sustainer!**

**\*Song of Praise**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*  
Edmund Hamilton Sears | Richard Storrs Willis

**Advent Candle Lighting**

Wayne and Dannie Seewald

One: Let us pray together:

**All: Dear God, we pray for the hope, that is in Christ, to break into our lives in a new way. As we enter into this season of preparation make us expectant and ready for your Spirit to breathe new life into us. Keep us awake and alert to your coming among us. Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Song**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
John Francis Wade

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:1-8

**Sermon**

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

*Let Hope Break Through*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We are an Advent people, a people of hope.  
 For us, Advent is a time of waiting,  
 and so we wait.  
 We wait for the coming of the One  
 who is the fulfillment of God's promise,  
 the fulfillment of hope,  
 the declaration that we have been redeemed.**

**Even so, we are not a naïve people.  
 We know that the world in which we live  
 will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.  
 We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.  
 We know that death and separation  
 will continue to be a part of our lives.**

**But because we are an Advent people,  
 we know that none of these things will win in the end.  
 The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again  
 all that was, is, and ever will be.**

**And in our waiting and our hoping,  
 we work and worship, pray and play,  
 in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign  
 in our lives and in our world, now and forever.**

**Offering  
Song**

Ron Thompson

**Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**  
**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
 One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And, also, with you.**  
 One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Words of Institution**  
**Communion of the People**

**\*Song**

*O Come to the Altar*  
 Chris Brown | Mack Brock | Steven Furtick | Wade Joye

**\*Closing Song**

The Blessing  
 Chris Brown | Cody Carnes | Kari Jobe | Steven Furtick

**\*Benediction**

Serving in Worship Today:  
 Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson  
 Worship Team  
 Tech Team

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The flowers are given by Wayne and Theresa Gateley to the glory of God  
 and for their daughter Laura Beth's birthday.

## **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

It came upon a midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heavens all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong  
And man at war with man hears not  
The love song which they bring  
O hush the noise ye men of strife  
And hear the angels sing

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## **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

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright Hosts  
Of heav'n above  
Glory to God  
All Glory in the highest

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee Be  
All glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing  
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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## **The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to You  
Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And gracious to You  
Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace

Amen amen amen  
Amen amen amen  
Amen amen amen  
Amen amen amen

The Lord bless you and keep you  
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And gracious to You  
Lord turn his face toward you  
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## Calendar of Events

December 1:	1st Sunday in Advent Advent Activity – Family Life Center Worship Service: Let Hope Break Through	9:15 am 10:30 am
December 7:	God's Gift Factory – Family Life Center Boerne Weihnachts Parade, St. Mark Float – Main Street Main Street Line up to ride on float Parade begins	9:30 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm
December 8:	2nd Sunday in Advent Worship Service: Sanctuary Choir Cantata & Reception Angel Tree and Children's Home donations collected	10:30am
December 15:	3rd Sunday in Advent Christmas Joy Special Offering Worship Service: Let Joy Break Through Christmas Card Deliveries Longest Night Service	10:30am Noon 6:30 pm
December 22:	4th Sunday in Advent Worship Service: Let Love Break Through	10:30 am
December 23:	Youth Super – Secret Christmas Mission	4:00 pm
December 24:	Christmas Eve Family Service Candlelight and Communion Service (childcare is available)	5:00 pm 7:00 pm
December 29:	1st Sunday of Christmas Worship Service	10:30 am
January 5:	Epiphany Worship Service Epiphany Party	10:30 am 11:30 am