

2nd Sunday in Advent

Future Opportunities

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| 12/7/20 | 6:30 pm | American Heritage Girls |
| 12/9/20 | 6:00 pm | Advent Bible School |
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| 12/14/20 | 9:00 am | Vision Articles Due |
| 12/15/20 | 6:30 pm | Armstrong Circle |
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ALL: How does this happen?

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ALL: "Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer."

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(Lighting 1 PINK CANDLE and 1 PURPLE CANDLE)

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ALL: The Way of the Lord is being prepared in our hearts. May every valley be filled and every mountain and hill be made low. May the crooked paths be made straight and the rough ways smooth. When our Lord comes, may all of us then see the salvation of God.

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