

**Advent Wreath Lighting**  
**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**3rd Sunday in Advent**

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**David Crummett Closing Prayer.**

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