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*Voices of Faith at Faith*

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To the beloved Faithful Islanders and beyond. We are thankful for God’s protection for the Thanksgiving holiday. Hoping and praying that your fellowship with family and friends was filled with peace and hope and healing, if there was a need for healing over past wounds. We have come this far by faith, even if it’s the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of plant seeds.

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**GIVING THANKS TO ALL THE SAINTS WHO SERVE IN QUIET WAYS....**

Special thanks to Jenny Gainey for her cleaning the church building last week, 3 blessed hours she spent to make the building clean for all of us. Thanks a bunch Jenny!!!!

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**THE ADVENT SEASON IS UPON US!!!!**

Advent comes from the Latin word “Adventus” which means “coming” or “arrival.” During this season we prepare for the coming of Jesus as a baby, at the end of the world (Parousia) and into our lives each day. We have four Sundays in Advent and each Sunday we light a candle.

THANKS TO AI (Artificial Intelligence) for the well written summary of the Second Sunday in Advent candle.



**Second Advent Candle Sunday (12/07) is the Peace/Bethlehem Candle. Like the first candle, it is also purple. The second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus.**

One of the hallmarks of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, “Peace on earth,” in [Luke 2:14](#). Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when He arrived. The Jews, particularly the zealots, wanted a rebellion. They wanted their Savior to overturn the oppressive rule of the Romans and bring about peace in a violent way.

But Jesus had something else in mind. Jesus brings us peace in a number of ways. First, He gives us inner peace. Because of His work on [the cross](#), we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace ([John 14:27](#)). Not only do we have the peace that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.

Second, we have peace with others. We put aside our differences ([Galatians 3:28](#)), especially with other believers, because we belong to the same family. We have the same purpose: to let others know about the peace of Christ.

The Hebrew word for peace: *Shalom*, goes far beyond not fighting with others or peace as we know it. As pointed out in the book [Not the Way It's Supposed to Be](#), shalom is, in essence, how things are meant to be: a slice of heaven.

**BIBLE STUDY DURING ADVENT will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. There will be no morning session at 11:00 a.m. Instead of a regular Advent Midweek Service in the sanctuary, the service will be held in the fellowship hall; zoom links will be provided. There will be a meal served at 6:00 p.m., before the service, come one, come all, and come as you are!!!**

Advent Midweek Services will be on December the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas Eve service will be on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND THE CHRISMON TREE**



Thank you for all the Saints who brought snacks/finger foods, light bites, desserts, etc. for our last Sunday of the month fellowship. Thank you to the Saints who helped with the decorating the Chrismon Tree together as a church family.

**What is a Chrismon Tree?**

“A Chrismon tree is a special type of evergreen decorated in a church during Advent and Christmastide, featuring only white and gold ornaments and clear lights to represent Christian symbols like crosses, doves, and stars. Created by North American Lutherans in 1957, the tree's name is a combination of "Christ" and "monogram," and its decorations are meant to remind viewers of Jesus Christ and the eternal life he provides” (AI Summary).

**CELEBRATING THE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY SAINTS:**



- 12/01 JB Bradley
- 12/03 Andrea Brisbin
- 12/05 Cali Brisbin
- 12/27 Evelyn Schuffman
- 12/28 Doreen Gar

*Please let us know if we missed your birthday!!!*

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**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Pastor Josh Knutson’s family and his congregations (Christ Community Church, North Charleston and St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Moncks Corner) after his untimely death, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Mike Shuey, Mikie Floyd, Ken HERNs, Rick Hartley, Bobby Webb, Patricia Beruf, Reid Melton, Jay O’Neill, Phil Ammons, Pat Lane, Helena Bradford, Donna Porritt, Nettie Poulnot, Dolores Dukes, Matthew Sharbrough, Trisha Melton, Harry Rakowski.

*Please let us know if you have someone we need to include in our prayers.*



Jimmy Farr entered Eternal Rest on Sunday morning, the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, less than 12 hours after Pastor Thulie's visit in Walterboro. May God comfort the family during this time of great loss. Jimmy's funeral service will be at Faith Lutheran Church on a Sunday, after our morning worship service; date not yet determined. Pastor Thulie met with the family in Walterboro on Tuesday afternoon (12/02).

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**SERVING – Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**Lector & Prayer Leader** Jim Jones  
**Acolyte** Holden Ammons  
**Ushers** Rick Beruf & Jimmy Sykes  
**Communion Assistant** Anthony Gaines  
**Communion Prep** Debbie Jones

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**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS EVENT....**

**Join us for the Intergenerational Event at the Festival of Lights in James Island on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the fire pit area (Santa's Workshop one) at 6:00 p.m. and take a train ride and then go back to the fire pit area to roast marshmallows, make S'mores or just eat raw chocolate; no judging please!!!**

I need to know as soon as possible how many people will be attending this event for young and old. The park has days that are marked: Green where the tickets, per car, are \$15.00 online and \$25.00 at the gate; Yellow where the tickets, per car, are \$25.00 online and \$35.00 at the gate; Red where the tickets, per car, are \$30.00 online and \$45.00 at the gate. Each car

can have as many as 15 people, please if you have a big car and are willing to pile us in, let me know. We will park our cars at the church and carpool to the site. The train ride is still \$5.00. This is a church sponsored event. Please invite friends.

**We will take a picture by the pit and it would be nice if we wore red, green, and white!!!!**

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**WORDS...“SOURCES UNKNOWN”**

**“My first thought when I woke up this morning: Nope.”**

“I don't know if my pants are feeling loose because I'm losing weight, or the elastic is finally giving up the fight.”

**“I've decided I'll never get down to my original weight and I'm okay with that. After all, 6lbs 3oz is just not realistic.”**

“Whenever I tell someone where I live and they say, ‘Omg that's so far’ I'm like, calm down, I'm not inviting you over.”

**“Oops, that was a bit harsh. Let me add a ‘Haha’ to the end to soften the blow.”**

“Sorry I'm late. My alarm didn't go off, because I didn't set it....because I don't like coming here.”

**“I paid my psychiatrist to follow me on Facebook. That way we can skip the sessions and she can just send me the pills.”**

“The retirement age needs to be lowered to 40, I've had enough.”

May the hustle and bustle of the season not take away your FOCUS on Jesus the Reason for the Season. Peace, Pastor Thulie