

Allen-Lee Memorial UMC

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

Prelude Kevin Lefebvre

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Palmer Boykin

† Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

† Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Candle Insert

† Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

† Hymn *I Know Whom I Have Believed* UMH 714

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalter Reading Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

† Please stand as you are able.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

† Gloria Patri UMH 70

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

† Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH 154

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

† Hymn *I Need Thee Every Hour* UMH 397

Offertory Kevin Lefebvre

† Doxology UMH 95

Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37

Sermon "He May Find You Asleep" Rev. Palmer Boykin

† The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

Service of Holy Communion UMH 12

† Closing Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH 211

† Benediction Rev. Palmer Boykin

Postlude Kevin Lefebvre



WELCOME TO ALLEN-LEE

We hope that you will feel the warmth of this loving congregation while you are here worshiping with us. Please let us know if you need anything or want more information about our church. We are an open and welcoming fellowship. It is our hope that you will come again and often!

PRAYER LIST

Long-Term Requests

Gail Aydin	Lorraine Durham	Ernie Rivera
Lenward Bassett	David Gregory	Steve Robinson
Patricia Bassett	Jennifer Hillyer	Angie Smith
Melinda Bell	Mary Hoffman	Deana Still
Marie Boatright	Katherine Jones	Ed Vance
Joy Burks	Pat Kee	Julie Watson
Margaret Camp	Bo Kelly	Delayne Wells
Mac/Tina Chandler	Juanita Marshall	Jackie Williams
Carolyn Crist	Victoria Price	Roger With
Annette Duffey	Michael Rector	Mary Woodruff

Current Prayer List

Chris Cantrell	Ralph McCrory	Loretta Rector
Stephanie Crosby	Chance Meadows	Roger Reid
Ruby Fernandez	Teresa Mendez	Teresa Roebuck
Elaine Hillyer	Jack Morris	Judy Stephens
Mel Kendrick	Kaaren Moseley	Nora Sykes
Steve Martin	Anna Nalley	Glenna With

Newly Married

Sharon Shaw and Paul Jones, November 23, 2023

New Baby

Oliver Davis Brewer, November 29, 2023, 7:23 a.m.
Parents: Sara Catherine and Carter Brewer

In Memory

Jack Morris

Missionary

Connie Weick, Southeast Asia

Military/Contract Personnel

Phillip Boykin – Japan	Davis Gray – Mississippi
Jonathan Chaffin – Iraq	Austin Shelton – Kentucky
Brandon Davis – Florida	Ry Skinner – Georgia
Jack Edmonds, III – Germany	Taylor Threatt – Virginia

Allen-Lee Memorial United Methodist Church



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Reader 1: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

Reader 2: In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (Mark 13:35).

Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Reader 1: We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

Light a purple candle of the Advent wreath.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Allen-Lee is now a Lighthouse Congregation. Many thanks to Kevin Banks for getting our banner erected.
- Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar, aimed at filling the Little Free Pantry, are on pink paper on the table in the narthex. You can bring food anytime, but by December 31 at the latest.
- Everyone is welcome to bring poinsettias to decorate the altar area. If you want to place one in honor or in memory of someone, let Lynn or Winston Skinner know. Plan to take them home on December 17.
- Gifts for our Christmas families need to be placed in the small Sunday school room downstairs no later than December 17.
- Everyone at Allen-Lee is invited to go to Sprayberry's in Newnan this Friday, December 8, at 6 p.m. for a dutch treat Christmas meal. This will be the Food, Fun & Everyone event for December.
- Several people have already bought tickets to "I'd Climb the Highest Mountain" in Carrollton after church on January 7. The movie starts at 2 p.m., and we'll be going to Dairy Queen as a group afterward. Tickets are available at bit.ly/AllenLeeMovie. If you need a ticket and don't order via computer, see Winston Skinner.
- As a Lighthouse Congregation, we have been sent copies of two books – "Being United Methodist Christians: Living a Life of Grace and Hope" and "Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together." They will be placed on a front pew for members to take home, read and return.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

05 – Lee Ann Kitchens (B)

11 – Nancy Gray (B)

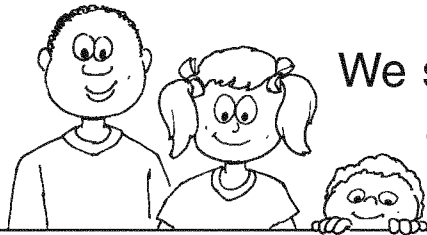
11 – Mark and Lee Ann Kitchens (A)

14 – Rosalind Edmondson (B)

22 – Rosemary Medford (B)

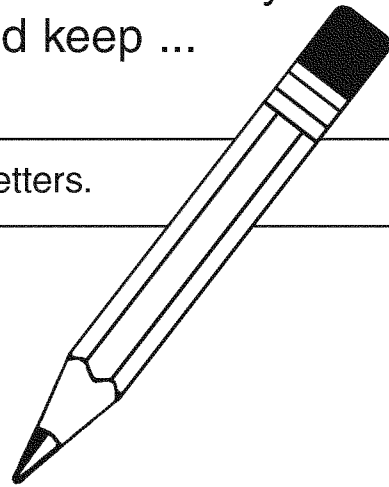
28 – Loretta Saucier (B)

28 – Mark Kitchens (B)

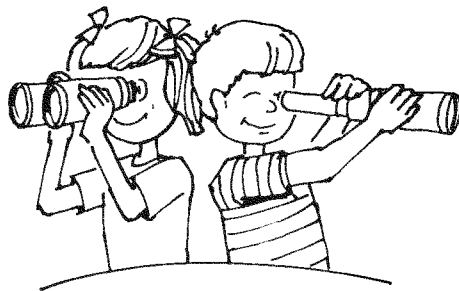


We should be ready
and keep ...

Trace the letters.



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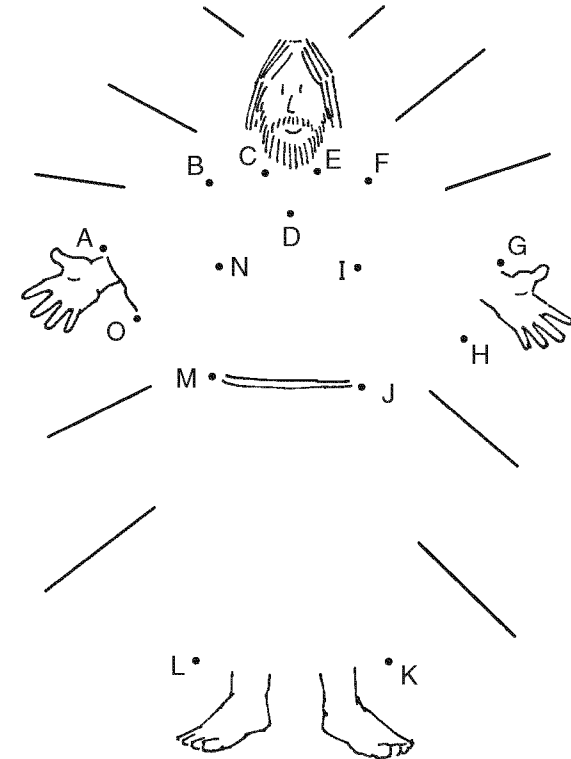


Signs of Things to Come

The Son of Man will come in great glory.

Connect the dots.

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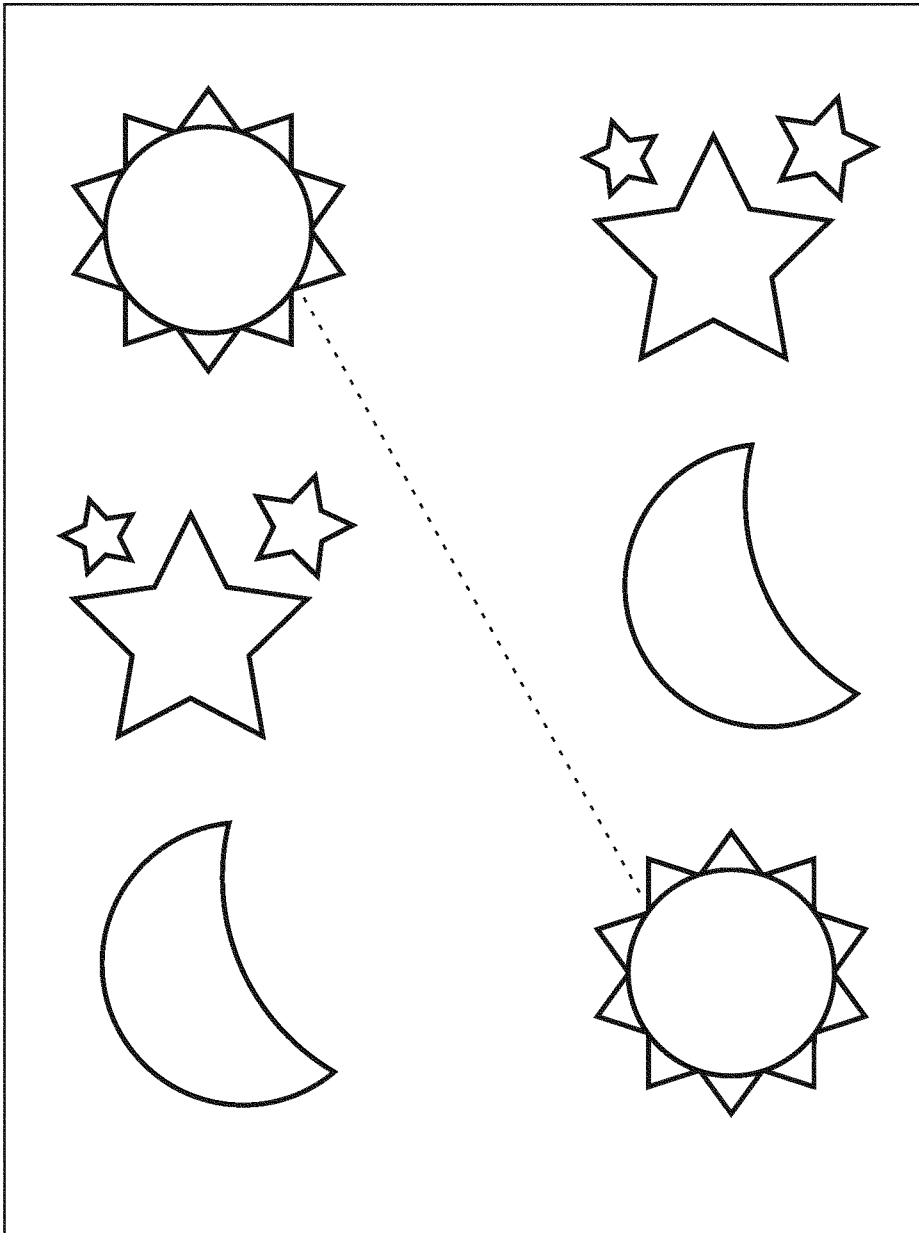
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The sun and the moon will be dark,
and the stars will be shaken.

Match the shapes.



God is the only one who knows
the day and the hour Jesus will return.

Draw a line to put each missing number in its
correct place on the clock. Then write it in.

