

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome
Announcements

Gathering Words

Christmas comes, but not yet.

Before we celebrate, let us wait, taking time to remember who is coming, time to prepare our lives, time to look outwards in love: “Christmas waits to come.

Gently count the days: time to wait and walk with God, time to fill with praise.”

Prelude

Anita Chops

Advent Candle Lighting

Hymn

“Christ, Be Our Light!”

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Litany

Leader: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God’s eternal time.

***All:* How long, O LORD, how long?**

Leader: For those waiting for answered prayer:

***All:* Grant your steadfast patience.**

Leader: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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"The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023" © 2022

"Worship & Song" © 2011

"Advent Christmas and Epiphany" © 2008

"Christ, Be Our Light!" by Bernadette Farrell and Joel Raney © 2013

December Worship Schedule

10th - 8:30am & 11:00am Sunday Worship

*17th - 8:30am & 11:00am Sunday Worship
7:00pm Blue Christmas Service*

*24th - 10:30am Communion Service
7:00pm Christmas Cantata Service*

31st - 10:30am Sunday Worship Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH



House of the Carpenter

Hats, Scarves & Gloves



You may drop your donation at the church during regular office hours or Sunday mornings.

Monetary donations are always welcome,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".

Nancy King is making church t-shirts
again.

If you would like to order a t-shirt,
please sign-up at the Welcome Desk in
the Narthex.



We are still in need of volunteers for
Children's Church/Nursery Care

Please choose a Sunday and sign-up
at the Welcome Desk.

We appreciate your willingness to help grow your church.



The United Women in Faith are having a Christmas Luncheon
December 14th at 12:00pm.

If you are interested in attending,
please sign-up at the Welcome desk in the Narthex.