

FROM THE MINISTRY STAFF



Pastor's Nickel

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Happy New Year!!

You may think this greeting comes a month too soon, but today marks the first Sunday in the season of Advent and the first day of the liturgical calendar year. Advent is a time of anticipation as we wait for the ultimate fulfillment of all the Old Testament promises; for that day when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, every tear wiped away, and all things will be made new. We remember Israel's waiting in hope for the coming Messiah, give thanks for Christ's birth, death, and resurrection, and anticipate his second coming. This is also the time when the Worship Ministry Team hits its stride in putting together visual displays, planning special services, seeking volunteers and so much more. This is a hard-working crew that flourishes on collaborative creativity. Advent reminds us we live in a time of tension as we wait for the return of Christ. We long for renewal. We long for peace. And as we wait, we worship. The Westminster Confession boldly declares the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. So we come and worship, as God has called us, to gather, to redirect our praise to the only One who is worthy, to bring prayers, praises, laments, thanksgiving, confession, and offerings before God and seek the wholeness and shalom that only comes from our Triune God. Come, Lord Jesus. Come.

That's my nickel - Pastor Elly!