

Advent is a season of preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ. Advent, which comes from the Latin word adventus meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. This year we have a special treat. Christmas Day is on a Sunday. Although we are accustomed to celebrating Christmas on a single day, in both Christian tradition and on the Church calendar, the Christmas season lasts for twelve days from December 25–January 6.

This Advent we will rediscover what it means to open our hearts to Christmas through examining the Grinch. Scripture says that all things were made through Christ, and through Christ all things were reconciled to God. In other words, everything and everyone in our world contains a spark of the divine—everything is sacred, and whether or not we choose to live in that truth depends on our perspective. Through Jesus, God put on flesh and walked among us, in our world, in order to re-narrate what it means to be a child of God. God assumed culture and transformed it. So now all is sacred, and in everything we are to see and proclaim God’s glory.

Advent Sermon Series

November 27th
First Sunday in Advent
Matthew 24:36–44
It’s the Most
Wonderful Time of the
Year?

December 4th
Second Sunday in
Advent
Romans 15:4-13
Looking the Part

December 11th
Matthew 11:2-11
When You’re Sure
Your Right

December 18th
Fourth Sunday in
Advent
Matthew 1:18-25
The Heart That Grows
Three Sizes

Sundays
8:45 am Early Praise
9:30 am Breakfast
10 am Advent Study &
All Age Sunday School
11 am Traditional
Worship



Advent Study

Sundays @ 10 am
Fellowship Hall
“The Heart That Grows Three
Sizes”
Book Study by Matt Rawle
Taught by Pastor Tracy

Christmas Concert

Featuring Cory Lockhart
December 2
6 pm
Mayodan UMC

United Women in Faith

Christmas Bazaar

December 3rd
8 am-1 pm
Fellowship Hall

Simply Christmas Concert

Featuring Sylvia Perkins & Jane
Scruggs
December 4th
4 pm
First Baptist Church of Madison

Living Nativity

December 16
6 pm
Outdoors at Madison UMC

Christmas Cantata

Wear Your Christmas Sweater &
Take a Picture with the Grinch
December 18th
11 am
Sanctuary



Christmas Eve

December 24th
6:30 pm
Sanctuary

Christmas Day

December 25th
11 am Worship Only
Sanctuary

This Advent, we are providing copies of “The Dawn Chorus: An Advent Devotional on the Wonders of Birds” for anybody that would like an Advent devotional to guide them on their journey to Christmas. Contact the Church Office for a Digital or Print Copy.