

The Coming Adventure

When I was a child, my parents would occasionally support a Christian children's home by purchasing an Advent calendar. At the time, I thought that Advent was just a strange way of saying Christmas. It wasn't until I was older that I learned what this Christian tradition was really about.

I say tradition because the term "Advent" is nowhere mentioned in Scripture. It is a very old tradition, going back at least to the 5th Century. And yet the ideas behind it are easily seen in the biblical text.

"Advent" refers to the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. It comes from the same Latin root that gives us the word "adventure" and carries with it a sense of anticipation. Contrary to what I thought as a child, however, the anticipation is not about the arrival of Christmas, but the arrival of Jesus. For those who celebrate it, a large part of Advent is putting yourself in the mindset of those who were anticipating the Messiah. Old Testament prophecy predicting a far off coming of the Christ is a big part of this. Stories of Joseph and Mary are also central since they are served notice that the Messiah will be coming to them specifically. It is appropriate to ask yourself what it would be like to have this heart-pounding anticipation of God gracing himself into our lives through this unique event.

But this is not the whole context of Advent. A more important aspect of it, for me at least, has to do with the Christian anticipation of the Second Coming of Christ. I see the birth of Jesus as the first glorious scene in a drama that stretches to and then far beyond the crucifixion and resurrection. The ascension of Jesus back to the Father came with a promise that one day he would return in the same manner (Acts 1:11).

One day this drama will come to a conclusion. "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

What a day that will be! As excited as the Jewish people were anticipating the coming of the Messiah the first time, we Christians should be even more excited as we wait for his return. That is why reminders of the return of Jesus are peppered throughout the New Testament. From the picture that Jesus paints of the wedding party watching for the bridegroom to the end of Revelation where we see the triumphant Jesus riding in on a white horse, the early church was taught to anticipate the return of Jesus with excitement!

There is even a very short prayer that Christians would utter when thinking about it: Maranatha! It is originally an Aramaic word, so it likely goes back to the earliest church. It means "O Lord, Come!" Come because we need you! Come because we can't wait to meet you face to face! Come because we love you!

I would like to see us incorporating this sense of joyful anticipation into our prayers. The Second Advent is coming, perhaps sooner than we think. Let us pray that Jesus comes soon!

Maranatha!

~Glenn Hawley

Welcome to East Hill Church of Christ, a place where you can discover the gospel!
Please, don't hesitate to let any of the greeters or ministers know how we can serve you.

CALENDAR	November
	30 Baby Blessing
	30 5th Sunday Singing 5:30 at NW Lincoln Church of Christ
	December
	4 Women's Ornament Night 7-9 pm in fellowship hall
	5 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
	13 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
	13 Fun & Fellowship 5 pm in FH
	14 Lament Service
	20 Ladies' Crafting 2-8 pm in FH
DAR	23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
	24 Christmas Eve Service 6 pm at YU Prayer Chapel
	28 Ebenezer Service
	January
	2 Son Shiners at Chances "R" at 5:30
	10 Men's Breakfast at 8 am in FH
	27 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot

FriendSpeak: Do you know someone who would like to have conversational English lessons? Have them call our FriendSpeak hotline: 402-710-0042

11/30 Sharon Woods
12/2 Steddon Sikes
12/2 Zadio Kretz
12/4 Scott Battreall
12/6 Alisa Jaekel

CELEBRATE

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

5th Sunday Singing: North West Lincoln church of Christ will host a 5th Sunday singing this evening at 5:30. The church's address is 3110 N 1st St in Lincoln.

Women's Ornament Night: On Thursday, December 4, women of all ages are invited to come to the fellowship hall from 7-9 for an evening of crafting holiday ornaments. Charlene Huskins and Cheryl Booth will provide supplies and ideas for us again. Plan on \$5 per ornament to cover costs. If you would like to bring holiday treats to share you are welcome to, but mostly we want you to just bring yourself!

Son Shiners will meet at Chances "R" this Friday at 5:30 pm.

Christmas Dinner: Harold & Deena Tandy are planning a meal at noon on December 25 for individuals or couples in the congregation who will not have a Christmas meal with family. If you would like to attend or know someone who might attend, please give names to Harold or Deena so they can send invitations and plan for the number coming. This will be a meal in the Fellowship Hall with time to visit and some singing.

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Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

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East Hill 2025 Theme Verse—Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayer Request:

Janet Rush's son, Zach, had his heart valve replacement surgery on Tuesday. His surgery went great. He was very sore, but was stable, and all of his vitals are good.

Thomas Tandy invites you to celebrate with him on reaching his 1 year cancer free date. Thomas recently had a round of scans, tests, and exams and was blessed to hear the good news!

Alice Yunevich went home on Monday from Good Samaritan in Osceola. Please pray for her, Loran, and Debbie as they adjust to these health changes and the extra concerns with living at home.

Body Life:

Celebrate with Rachel and David on the adoption of **Skyler, Nathan, and Isaac Odom**. All are welcome to attend the adoption on Thursday, December 4, at 10 am at Hall County Courthouse in Grand Island. There is also an Open House for all from 3-6pm at 3605 N Delaware Ave in York.

Thank you, East Hill, for the prayers, flowers, cards, visits, and your love and support on the passing of our sister Carolyn Hambleton.

~Ron and Virginia Helmlinger

Weekly Events

Attended Nursery: You can drop off children ages 0 up to 2 years in the nursery during services.

Service at Legacy Square:

There is a service for the residents of Legacy Square in Henderson at 2:30 each Sunday.

Youth Updates:

To stay current with Youth Group activities, sign up for the "Band" announcements via text.



Women's Thursday Class is

10:00-11:30 am in the FH and offered on Zoom. Rose Miller is leading a study of gratitude.

Praise in Motion meets in the

FH, 7-7:30 pm on Thursdays. Ladies, come join in gentle stretching and praising the Lord!

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion

Peace-Loving – *Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.* ~Romans 14:19

This Week's Scripture Memory Psalm 118:29

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship 10 am, livestreamed on Facebook
Bible classes for all 9 am
Sunday evening 5 pm, communion available

Wednesday

Adult Class 6:30 pm (livestream-East Hill's Facebook)
Children's Class 6:30 pm (drop off 6:20, pick up 7:15)
MS & HS Huddle 6:20-7:20 pm

For the Record: November 23, 2025

Weekly Attendance:

Weekly Giving

Budgeted: \$7,319.72
Actual: \$4,313.60
Children's: \$47.50

Year to Date

Budgeted: \$344,026.84
Giving: \$323,351.47
Children's for Ecuador: \$2,882.22

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Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30
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Shepherds:

Tim Carr
Michael Case
Ron Kretz (Nov)
Keith Miller (Dec)
Mark Miller
Todd Sheldon
Steddon Sikes
Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

Deacons-----Area of Service

Marty Barrett ----- Benevolence
Trey Colle----- Emergency Meals
Robert Cunningham ----- Son Shiners
Troy Flynt ----- Treasurer
Trent Hinton -----Livestream
Larry Light ----- Single Seniors
Jeff Shafer----- Worship Support
Ken Van Gompel ----- College Ministry

Campus Connection:

College age Class: The college class will NOT meet this Sunday, November 30 because of the break. If you are here during the break you are invited to join one of the other Sunday morning classes. It's alright, you don't have to pay extra for a different class :).

The Sunday evening group that meets in Henderson on Sunday nights will NOT meet until December 7. There will be snacks and games on that night for those who can make it.

You can scan the GroupMe QR code to get updates regarding this group or to reach out if you need a ride.



Order of Worship

Think on These Things

Worship Leader: Jared Pack

1018 *Joy to the World*

Scripture Reading: Brien Alley
Philippians 4:4-8

Prayer: Bryan Becker

Welcome

67 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
671 *Purer In Heart, O God*
332 *Lead Me to Calvary*

Lord's Supper: Joel Coehoorn

Children's Offering

230 *Worthy Art Thou*
The Goodness of God

Beulah is Married

Isaiah 62:1-5
Glenn Hawley

Invitation for Prayer

803 *Turn My Heart*

Baby Blessing

Shepherd's Prayer: Ron Kretz

Body Life: Dan Goodwin