



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Please silence your electronic devices.
Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

The Opening Voluntary *Savior of the Nations Come* J. S. Bach
Processional Hymn *"Lo! He comes, with clouds descending"* Hymn 57

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison *Sung, standing*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (2:1-5)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they /said to /me, *
"Let us go /to the house of the /Lord."
- 2 Now our /feet are /standing *
within your gates, /O Jerusa/lem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built /as a /city *
that is at /unity with it/self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes /of the /Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to /praise the Name of the /Lord.
- 5 For there are the /thrones of /judgment, *
the thrones /of the house of /David.
- 6 Pray for the peace/ of Je/rusalem: *
"May they /prosper who love /you.



- 7 Peace be with/in your /walls *
and quietness /within your /towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com/panions' /sake, *
I pray for /your prosperi/ty.
- 9 Because of the house of the /Lord our /God, *
I will /seek to do you /good."

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (13:11-14)

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn *"Rejoice! Rejoice believers"* **Hymn 68**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (24:36-44)

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon **The Rev. John Adams**

The Nicene Creed *Standing* **BCP 327**

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,

begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of
the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again
 according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the
 Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory, to
 judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord,
 and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and
 the Son;

who with the Father and the Son
 together is worshiped
 and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
 And I believe one holy Catholic and
 Apostolic Church;
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the
 remission of sins;
 and I look for the resurrection of the
 dead,
 and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Standing or kneeling

BCP 328

Reader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Bishop Mark and all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of Joe, our President, and all those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *Mary Ruth, Cindy, Mark, Lauren, Sue, Noah, Julia, Linda, Irene, Ruby, Pat, Nubby, Hilda, and Betty* and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Kneeling or standing

BCP 330

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem *Savior of the Nations Come* Carl Schalk

The Doxology: “Hymn 380 v. 3” Old 100th

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer II *Standing* *Sung* BCP 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you. Hymnal S 112
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus *Sung*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

The Great Amen

Hymnal S 118

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei Sung

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Breaking of Bread

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant *Let the skies pour down righteousness* Isaiah 45, Psalm 19

Communion Music *"Creator of the stars of night"* Hymn 60

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people *Kneeling or standing* BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn *"Come, thou long expected Jesus"* Hymn 66

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary *Savior of the Nations Come* Andreas Nikolaus Vetter

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Ronnie L. Wagoner on our wedding Anniversary
By Ginger Wagoner*

*The beauty of the Narthex flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Paul B. Toms and May Hooker Toms
By the Family*

*The Advent wreath is Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Rives S. Brown, Jr., Lucy Brown Coleman,
Betty Meade Cullinane and Richard A. Walmsley
By Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, Jr.*

*The Advent wreaths on the front doors are
Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Virginia S. & William R. Windle and Margaret W. & Thomas C. Webster, MD,
by Tom, Stuart, Win, Jessica, Evans and Clay Webster*

*The Nativity Scene is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
R. B. McCutcheon and R. B. "Cutch" McCutcheon, Jr.
By the Family*

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. Thomas, Christiansburg. Pray for the people of St. Thomas, Christiansburg and their rector, the Rev. Mark Frazier. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

November Events

- **Sunday Bible Study**

Our Sunday Bible Study will read and discuss highlights of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Consisting of 66 chapters composed over a few centuries, Isaiah is one of the most wide-ranging and beloved books of Hebrew Scripture. It includes both stinging condemnations of human failures to follow God's will and glorious promises of God's continuing love. Bible Study meets in the Parish House at 9:30 am, and all are invited to join the conversation.

- Sunday services at **10:30 am** - Rite I, w/HE Rev. John Adams presiding

- **The Daily Office** is being offered by an ecumenical group of dedicated individuals at 9 a.m. for morning prayer, noon for noontime prayer and at 5 p.m. for evening prayer. Join the group on Facebook Live, their page is Daily Office Prayer and the link is <https://www.facebook.com/dailyOfficePrayer/>.

- **Monday Study Group**

The Monday Study Group is reading and discussing a new series, *Reaching Out*, by Henri Nouwen. We begin at 6:30 pm in the Parish House with a light supper of soup and bread followed by conversation from 7:00 until 8:00 or 8:30. All are welcome; if you plan to join us, please let the Office know ahead of time so we can set a place for you.

- **Wednesday Eucharists**

At Noon on Wednesdays, Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building). The service is entirely spoken and includes a homily on the saint of the day. Fresh-baked cookies are sometimes available after; please let the Gallops know if you would like to be involved in the baking. This is a good opportunity to worship for those who have conflicts or difficulties on Sunday mornings, those who would prefer to enter the building when there are fewer people present, those who want to receive communion and go home in under forty minutes, and those who wish to worship with the community more often than every Sunday.

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes has returned to the church undercroft. Meals will be served in the undercroft on the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:00pm - 5:45pm. For folks who would prefer to take their meals home with them, carry out boxes are available. There are limited parking spaces behind the church for people with mobility issues.

2022 Angel Tree Ministry

We have begun collecting money for this year's Prison Angel Tree Ministry, which provides Christmas presents for children of incarcerated parents. Our goal is to collect \$25 for each of 150 children (or \$3,750 total). In 2021 we collected funds to give 280 children a Christmas gift. The deadline to receive payments is Monday, December 12th. Please include "*Angel Tree*" in the memo of any checks.

King's Grant Eucharist

Fr. John will celebrate Eucharist in the chapel at King's Grant at 1:30 pm on December 1.

Evening Prayer for World AIDS Day

December 1 is World AIDS Day, an annual opportunity to bring awareness to the ongoing epidemic of HIV/AIDS, to fight the stigma of the disease by expressing solidarity with and support for those affected, to promote research and prevention, and to remember those who have died. Christ Church will mark World AIDS Day with a service of Evening Prayer at 5:30 on **December 1**, and all are welcome.

Christmas Services

It is not too early to mark Christ Church's Christmas services on your calendar. We will be celebrating our festive Holy Eucharist (including singing Silent Night by candlelight) at **5:30 pm on Saturday, December 24**, along with a smaller service (featuring carols led by Will Zimmer) at **10:30 am on Sunday, December 25**.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **November - December: Pork & Beans 15 oz.** For the month of November: **bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, and toothbrush (individually wrapped)**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

St. Nicholas Day Appeal

A Message from Bishop Mark A. Bourlakas: As we enter into Advent, one of the holiest seasons of the Christian year, our diocese's annual St. Nicholas Day Appeal is one significant way that we can focus on the mission of love that the Son of God ushers into our world. This year, your donations will aid Grace House on the Mountain in its mission to serve and support neighbors in Appalachia. Donations will go towards the Grace House Outreach Fund, which provides for a variety of medical, utility, food, and clothing expenses, as well as to support work projects in the community. In the wake of this summer's devastating floods in Southwestern Virginia, the Outreach Fund was used heavily to provide flood relief and the number of work project needs in the area has increased. Please consider faithfully how you might support this effort, either by donating online at www.dioswva.org or by mailing a check payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia with "St. Nicholas Day Appeal" marked in the memo to PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009. It is a charitable love for the neighbor that is honored in St. Nicholas, and this annual appeal allows us to share with others in this season of giving.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE:

Officiant: Rev. John Adams
Lector/prayers: Ann Gardner
Chalists: Dawn Stone, George Gautsch
Acolyte:
Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner
Chorister/Cantor: Raul West
CEC Choir: St. Christopher's Choir
Ushers: Ben Beeler, Bruce Mazurek, Pete Scouras
Altar Guild: Team Two – Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain,
Ruth Foley, Rita Hodges, Ruby Stultz
Counters: Ben Beeler, Carolyn Byrd

Vestry for 2022

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