



Anglican Church *of the* **Good Shepherd**

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The Rt. Rev. Steven Tighe, Ph.D.

Bishop of the Diocese of the Southwest

The Most Reverend Stephen D. Wood

Archbishop

Welcome to our Father's House!

We pray you experience the love of the Father through His Son Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit as you worship with us today. Thank you for being our guest, and know you will always find a warm welcome in our Father's House!

We Are Word Centered

Our lives and worship are centered on Jesus Christ the Living Word of God.

The Bible

Jesus Christ reveals Himself as we hear, read, study, learn, obey and are spiritually nourished by the Scriptures. God's Word Written is at the heart of who we are, what we believe, and how we strive to live.

The Holy Eucharist

Jesus Christ reveals Himself in The Holy Eucharist, 'God's Word made visible.' From the Resurrection of Jesus on, his followers recognized Him in the "breaking of the Bread." We are united to Him and them by faith. Eucharist is a Greek word for Thanksgiving. We thank God Jesus saved us from the penalty of sin through His crucifixion; that He saves us daily from the power of sin by filling us with the Holy Spirit; and that one day He will save us from the very presence of sin when we see Him face to face.

Receiving Holy Communion

All baptized believers are invited to receive Holy Communion.

We Are Members of the Anglican Church in North America

The Anglican Church in North America serves the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Cuba. Along with 85 million Biblically faithful Anglicans around the world, we trace our roots to the Church of England during the Reformation in the 16th Century and the undivided Church of the 1st Centuries.

If you are looking for a church home, we would love to share our vision with you ...

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The Anglican Church

The Anglican (English) Church had its beginnings during the latter Roman Empire, when missionaries and other converts settled in Roman Anglia in what is now England. The Church that was built over the generations was part of the greater One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church that had spread across much of Europe and the Mediterranean world. Because of the distance of the British Isles from Rome, the early Anglican Church was somewhat different from the continental church in its customs and traditions. Over the centuries, however, influences from continental Europe swayed the development of the English Church toward complicated liturgies and the use of Latin in the church, a language that few understood.

The Reformation occurred in the 16th century when Martin Luther and several other theologians wished to recover the importance of Holy Scripture and to eliminate the things in worship that did not align with the Holy Scriptures. In England, this reformation was led by Thomas Cranmer, who replaced the complicated Latin liturgy with a *Book of Common Prayer* in the English language, first published in 1549. The *Book of Common Prayer* has gone through several editions over the centuries, but the spirit of each edition has always been the same – to encourage clergy, congregations, and families to pray and serve God together.

Anglicanism spread throughout much of the world because of the reach of the British Empire and by the countless and tireless missionaries who brought the word of Christ to the far reaches of the globe. Indeed, the heart of Anglicanism today is now outside of England, most notably in Africa, South America, and parts of Asia. The Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd is part of the Anglican Church in North America, a province of the Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches.

Anglican Worship

Anglican worship services involve a lot of motion and congregational participation, with lay people and the clergy bowing, kneeling, standing, and making the sign of the cross at various times during the liturgy. Many Anglicans bow to the cross when approaching the altar and when the cross passes in the processional and recessional. For Christians, the cross symbolizes God's grace and the salvation of people, which is why it is so highly visible in churches across the world. Jesus's sacrifice on the cross turned this terrible means of death into a symbol of hope, salvation, and promise.

Similarly, Anglican Christians will often make the sign of the cross upon themselves or on other people or objects. This is simply a way of marking themselves as belonging to Jesus Christ and as well as a physical reminder of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). This is why Anglicans will often make the sign of the cross when the Trinity is mentioned in the liturgy.

Kneeling during prayer and worship is a symbol of humility before God and is commonly seen in Scripture, and this is the reason people kneel during Anglican services. Many Anglicans will also kneel at the altar rail as they receive communion. This is not meant as an act of worship for the bread and wine but as an act of reverence for Jesus Christ and all that he has done for us.

Anglican worship also involves the congregation in common prayers, responses, recitation of creeds, Bible readings, and singing. The highly participatory aspect of Anglican worship is a reminder that we are one people in God's sight and are united in our adoration and praise of the Lord.

Prelude

The Prelude is a time to quietly pray and settle our hearts on the holiness of God and the need for His grace and Holy Spirit.

Processional

~ On Jordan's Bank ~

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry breast from sin;
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord,
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee,

An - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;
Make straight the way of God with - in,
Our re - fuge, and our great re - ward;
And bid the fall - en sin - ner stand;
Whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free,

A - wake and heark - en, for he brings
And let each heart pre - pare a home
With - out thy grace we waste a way
Shine forth, and let thy light re - store
Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore

Glad ti - dings of the King of kings.
Where such a might - y guest may come.
Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
And Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more. A - men.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

The Acclamation

In The Acclamation, God's people are called together in unity to worship and give all blessings to God. It is a reminder of the reality of the Holy Trinity, the belief in God in three persons, that saturates the entire Eucharist service from beginning to end.

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

The Collect for Purity

A collect is prayer that poetically sums up or collects the people's prayers. The Book of Common Prayer (2019) has dozens of collects, some dating to the first centuries of the church, and these have a primary role in Anglican thought and prayer. The Collect for Purity was originally a Latin prayer from the 10th century and was part of the liturgy of that time in England. Cranmer translated it for the first Book of Common Prayer (1549), and it has been included in Anglican liturgy since that time. This collect reminds us that God is all knowing and that we must ask the Holy Spirit to cleanse our hearts as we come before him in worship.

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

ALMIGHTY GOD,

to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your Holy Name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

The Summary of the Law is the heart of how we should live in relation to God and to one another. We are to love God with our entire being, we are to obey the rest of his commandments, and we are to love others as ourselves. Though in this earthly life we will always fall short, we are to trust in Christ for our help and salvation.

The Deacon then reads the Summary of the Law. The Decalogue may be used at any time in place of the Summary of the Law. It is appropriate to use the Decalogue throughout the seasons of Advent and Lent and on other penitential occasions.

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Kyrie or Trisagion

Kyrie Eleison is Greek for "Lord, have mercy" and first appeared in Christian liturgy in the 4th century. It is a beautiful reminder of God's love and mercy and of our sinfulness and need of repentance. It is normally sung during Sunday morning celebrations of The Holy Eucharist.

Unison

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

The seasons on the church calendar and the associated readings from Holy Scripture are reflected in the Collect of the Day. In this manner, the Collect of the Day serves as a summary of the themes and teachings of Scripture for that day and season, directing our minds to the Lessons and Gospel readings that immediately follow.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

[The people kneel or stand as they are able]

BLESSED LORD, WHO CAUSED ALL HOLY SCRIPTURES TO BE
WRITTEN FOR OUR LEARNING:

**Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly
digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy
Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of
everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus
Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

[The people kneel or stand as they are able]

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Pat Camm



O come, O Wis - dom from on high, who or - d'rest



all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge



show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The second Advent candle represents FAITH and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The second candle is also purple to symbolize preparation for the coming king.

+ THE LESSONS +

Each Sunday there are appointed readings from Holy Scriptures that are in harmony with the liturgical calendar. For example, readings during Advent are about the coming of Christ, and readings during Epiphany are about the revelation of God in Christ. There are two Lessons – one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament – a reading from the Psalms, and a reading from the Gospels. It is customary for the congregation to participate responsively in the reading of the Psalm and to stand for the reading of the Gospel. The deacon or priest will read the gospel to the people from a point within the congregation, emphasizing the presence of Christ the Word of God among the people.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

NKJV

A Spirit-empowered descendant of David will bring true justice and create a world of harmony where even the nations are drawn to God's peace.

- 1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
- 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears;
- 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

- 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.
- 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
- 10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A just and compassionate king brings flourishing to his people, defends the vulnerable, and becomes a source of blessing for all nations.

- 1 Give the king Your judgments, O God,
And Your righteousness to the king's Son.
- 2 He will judge Your people with righteousness,
And Your poor with justice.
- 3 The mountains will bring peace to the people,
And the little hills, by righteousness.
- 4 He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the
children of the needy,
And will break in pieces the oppressor.
- 5 They shall fear You as long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing,
Like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace,
Until the moon is no more.
- 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.

- 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,
And His enemies will lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents;
The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.
- 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him;
All nations shall serve Him.
- 12 For He will deliver the needy when he cries,
The poor also, and him who has no helper.
- 13 He will spare the poor and needy,
And will save the souls of the needy.
- 14 He will redeem their life from oppression and violence;
And precious shall be their blood in His sight.
- 15 And He shall live; and the gold of Sheba will be given to Him;
Prayer also will be made for Him continually, and daily He shall be praised.

~ Gloria Patri ~

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

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[5] Ho - ly Ghost, As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

D D⁷ G_{sus} G N.C. D⁷ G

[9] now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

[All may be seated]

Those who are strong in faith should support others so that, united in hope and encouraged by Scripture, all believers—Jew and Gentile together—may glorify God with one voice.

- 1 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
- 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.
- 3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."
- 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,
- 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

- 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the
circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the
promises made to the fathers,
- 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is
written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the
Gentiles, and sing to Your name."
- 10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"
- 11 And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you
peoples!"
- 12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; and He
who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles
shall hope."
- 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



The Sequence Hymn

~ While We Are Waiting ~

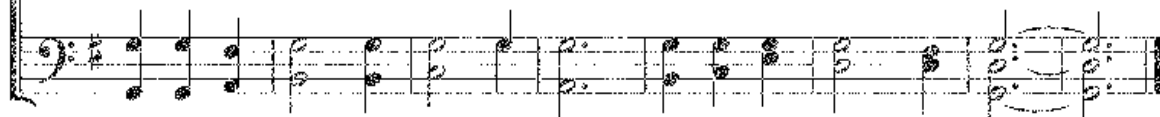
Vs 1,2



1. While we are wait - ing, come; While we are wait - ing, come.
 2. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; With pow'r and glo - ry, come.
 3. Come, Sav-ior, quick - ly come; Come, Sav-ior, quick - ly come.

Je-sus, our Lord, Em-man - u - el. While we are wait - ing, come.



All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew (Matthew 3:1-12)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

*John the Baptist calls people to sincere repentance, warning of God's coming
judgment and pointing to the greater One who will purify and gather His true followers.*

- 1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness
 of Judea,
- 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
- 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:
 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of
 the LORD; make His paths straight.' "
- 4 Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt
 around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- 5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan
 went out to him
- 6 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.
- 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to
 his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you
 to flee from the wrath to come?

- 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,
9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham
as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up
children to Abraham from these stones.
- 10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore
every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire.
- 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is
coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not wor-
thy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- 12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean
out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but
He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sequence Hymn

~ While We Are Waiting ~

Vs 3

Sermon

Fr. Hal

In the sermon, the minister reflects on the meaning of the Lessons and Gospel for the day, drawing out parallels and teachings from the passages. It is typical to focus on the day's Gospel reading and to weave the other New Testament and Old Testament readings as support. Anglicans not only hear the Holy Scriptures from beginning to end within a three-year cycle, but we also enjoy thoroughly Biblical sermons that illuminate Holy Scripture and help us to apply them to our own lives.

Sermon Notes



The Nicene Creed

Anglicans embrace the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds as sufficient statements of the apostolic Christian faith that are thoroughly grounded in Holy Scripture. These creeds date from the earliest centuries of the church and were written to correct error and to clarify biblical truths. By repeating the Nicene Creed after the sermon during every Eucharist service, we are reminded of the essentials of Christian belief and provided with a safeguard against fundamental errors.

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Anglicans embrace the Latin phrase Lex orandi, lex credendi as a central belief. It basically means "the law of prayer is the law of belief," and this is the foundation of the very idea of the Book of Common Prayer. How we pray, to whom we pray, and for what we pray greatly influences our being and our beliefs. Prayer is how we communicate with God, ask for direction in our own lives, and intercede for others. It is a way of offering praise to God. The common prayer of God's people multiplies the power of prayer, focuses our petitions, and allows us to pray with a unified voice and spirit.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For Julian, our acting Archbishop, and Steven, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our sister parish Jesus es la Resurreccion, Aguascalientes, Mexico.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our ministry partners, Pregnancy Help Center, La Gran Familia, Casa Bethesda, Project Dignidad, Christians in Action, and Meals for the Elderly.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our community outreach, Food Locker, DivorceCare, GriefShare, The Alpha Course and ADSW School for Ministry.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially Donald, our president.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, defender of order, liberty, and peace, we ask you to halt Putin's aggression in Ukraine, expose and eliminate corruption in those countries as well as ours, and find a peaceful resolution to this conflict and end needless human suffering.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

God our Father, we entrust the United States to your loving care. You are the rock on which we were founded, the source of our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory. Touch the hearts of the nation's leaders. Open their minds to the sanctity of human life and the responsibilities that accompany freedom. Grant us the courage to reject the culture of death and embrace the culture of life.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer

O God, our heavenly Father, by your Son Jesus Christ you have promised to those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we pray, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially

Jim & Patty
Bob & Linda
Lou & Karen
Linda
Nancy
Bob

Jackie & Pam
Henry
Katie
Mark
Mollie
Patsy

Billie
Dianne
Charlotte
Frank & Susan
Tom
Rita

Nan
Jean
Kristen
Stephen
Janet

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Reader I invite you to add your own prayer requests or praises at this time.

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Holy Scriptures state in 1 John 1:9 that "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We are reminded in the Confession that sins can be committed by thought, word, and deed, as well as by what we have done and by what we have failed to do ("left undone.") In the Absolution, we hear that God has mercy and forgives us through Jesus and that we are kept to eternal life by the Holy Spirit.

The Clergy or other person appointed says the following

Clergy Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

(Pause for examination of conscience)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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.

People Amen.

The Comfortable Words

After we have prayed and confessed our sins and after the priest has assured us of God's forgiveness of our sins in the absolution, we are here comforted by the sweet words of Scripture promising salvation from our sins.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Catechesis

The Apostles Creed — "The Communion of Saints"

102. What is the "communion of the saints"? **The communion of the saints is the fellowship of all those, in heaven and on earth, who are united in Christ as one Body, through one Spirit, in Holy Baptism.** (*Psalm 149; Ephesians 2:13–22; Hebrews 12:1–3*)

103. How do you participate in the communion of the saints? **I live as a member of the communion of saints through faith in Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit by gathering to worship God with my fellow Christians, by praying for and encouraging one another, and by coming to one another's aid in times of trouble, sickness, or grief.** (*Psalm 133; Acts 2:42–47; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11–18; Hebrews 10:24–25; James 5:13–20*)

Christian Discipleship—Scripture Memory

Robin Grier

Announcements

The Offertory

The Offertory is a time to offer our praise and ourselves to God, to give our tithes and offerings, and most importantly for the offering and preparation of the bread and wine at altar by the clergy. We are reminded that all that we have has first been given to us by God and that God can take these things and renew them for his holy purposes.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." *Acts 20:35*

*Cash offerings in the plate this week will go to the *Discretionary Fund.*

** If you desire your cash offering to go toward the general support of the church, please place your offering in a giving envelope.*

The Offertory Anthem ~ Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming ~

Dave Driskell, Robin Grier, Henry McWilliams & Dn. Stephen Emmons

The Doxology

The people stand while the offerings are presented

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

All things come from You, O Lord

And of your own we have given you.

+ The Holy Eucharist +

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist (also known as The Lord's Supper and Holy Communion) is the most important service on the Lord's Day and other Holy Days. The word Eucharist is from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving," and it is with this attitude that we should come together and celebrate in unity. As Christ took bread and wine and blessed them at the Last Supper before his crucifixion, Christians have likewise received the bread and wine and commemorated the sacrifice of his atoning death for nearly two thousand years.

Anglicans consider Holy Communion and Holy Baptism to be sacraments – outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace that is given to us when we receive them. We believe that the outward and visible signs in Holy Communion, the bread and wine, have matching inward gifts, the Body and Blood of Christ. By receiving the bread and wine we are strengthened, receive God's forgiveness, and are renewed in the love and the unity of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The celebration of the Holy Eucharist can be thought of as having two parts – the Liturgy of the Word and the Holy Eucharist, with the Prayers of the People serving as a hinge between them. In the Liturgy of the Word, we find prayers, the readings of Scripture, and the sermon. The Holy Eucharist culminates in the blessing of the wine and bread and its distribution to the people of God.

WHO MAY RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION ***All who strive to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior or anyone wishing to renew their relationship with the Lord are invited to receive Holy Communion with us this morning. If you are baptized and allowed to take Communion at your home church, please join us. "Blessed are those invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!"***

The ushers will guide you down the center aisle to the Communion Rail. It is traditional for people to kneel if they are able, but it is not required if physical or personal reasons preclude it. The bread is normally served by the priest, while the wine is served by the deacon or a lay Eucharistic minister. The bread is normally received in the hand. At the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, most people dip the tip of the wafer into the wine – called intinction – and then it is consumed. While at the altar some cross themselves before returning to their seat via the side aisles.

The Sursum Corda

Sursum corda is Latin for "lift up your hearts," and its use is found as early as the third century in all ancient Christian liturgies. It is the beginning of the Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharist, and recalls certain passages in the Psalms and Lamentations where the soul, heart, and hands are lifted in praise and prayer as an offering to God. We should truly desire to offer our innermost selves to God in thanksgiving for our salvation.

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is just and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the true Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has restored us to everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Sanctus means "holy" in Latin, and the liturgical use of this joyous Eucharistic acclamation goes back to the 5th century and possibly to the 2nd century. The text is derived from three passages of Holy Scripture, including the heavenly visions of Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4, in which the angels call out "holy, holy, holy" around the throne of God. In Matthew 21, the crowds shout "hosanna in the highest" as Christ enters Jerusalem just days before his passion and crucifixion. The church's ancient tradition is to sing the Sanctus during Sunday morning celebrations of The Holy Eucharist.

Celebrant and People

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff. The score is divided into two parts: the first part (staves 1-3) is for the Celebrant, and the second part (staves 4-5) is for the People.

Staff 1 (Celebrant): The melody begins with a Dm chord, followed by C, Dm, A, Bb, A, and Dm. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly is our Lord God of po - wer and might. —"

Staff 2 (Celebrant): The melody continues with Dm, C, Dm, A, Dm, C, Dm, and A. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly is our Lord Ho - ly ho - ly Ho - ly is our Lord."

Staff 3 (Celebrant): The melody continues with Bb, A, Dm, Am, G, Em, and Am. The lyrics are: "God of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho -"

Staff 4 (People): The melody continues with C, E7, Am, Am, G, Em, and Am. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is He who comes in the na - me, the"

Staff 5 (People): The melody continues with E7, Am, E7, and Am. The lyrics are: "name of God. Ho - san - na! Lo - rd God"

The Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer of Consecration begins with a recollection of God's redemptive work, from our creation to our sin, and then to Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension. The Words of Institution are where the celebrant recalls Christ's own words at the Last Supper, where he instituted this sacrament. This portion of the Holy Eucharist is at once joyous and somber as we remember most vividly Christ's sacrifice for us.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He offered himself and made, once for all time, a perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted this remembrance of his passion and death, which he commanded us to continue until he comes again. So now, Father, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine that we may partake of his most blessed Body and Blood.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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."

After supper, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Lord and heavenly Father, with these holy gifts we celebrate the memorial instituted by your beloved Son, remembering his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion, making us one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And here we offer to you, O Lord ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, found in the books of Matthew and Luke, has been a source of comfort and inspiration for God's people for two millennia. Jesus taught it to his disciples as both a practice and pattern for prayer to God the Father. It teaches us to praise God, to want what is in the Father's will and not in our own, to wait upon God for our provision, to forgive one another of sins as God forgives us, and to be delivered from evil and the evil one. The Lord's Prayer has been a part of Christian liturgy since the early days of the church.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together

**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,
forever and ever. Amen**

The Prayer of Humble Access

This prayer of preparation includes several allusions to Holy Scriptures and reminds us that we are unworthy sinners who need the great mercy of the Lord to cleanse us and to save us. When we receive the body and blood of Christ in humility and in awareness of our fallen nature, we are strengthened, cleansed, and renewed by God's mercy and grace. The Prayer of Humble Access was used in the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549 and has appeared in all Prayer Books since.

Celebrant and People

***We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
Whose character is to always show mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen***

The Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God" in Latin and has been a part of Christian liturgy for well over a millennium. The words are based on John 1:29, where John the Baptist says "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Christians continue to call out with these same words, magnifying Jesus who shows mercy to us and who gives us peace with God the Father. As with the Kyrie and Sanctus, it is traditional to sing the Agnus Dei during Sunday morning celebrations of The Holy Eucharist.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Ministration of Communion

The ministration of communion is when the people are invited to come forward and receive the consecrated bread and wine. The bread is the outward and visible sign of the body of Christ, and the wine is the outward and visible sign of his blood.

Communion is a holy time for God's people in which we celebrate the memorial of Christ's sacrifice for us. There is a spectrum of belief among Anglicans concerning the nature of communion, but the mainstream belief is of the "real presence" of Christ in the bread and wine, something that is mysterious, real, grace-imparting, and effective. The words spoken by the priest, deacon, and Eucharistic ministers make this mystery known. We invite all people to share communion with us!

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

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.]

or this

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

[Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

For Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

The post communion prayer is a thanksgiving to the Father for his provision of the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. We also ask the Father for further grace to continue our lives in holy fellowship and for help in doing good works that are possible only through his grace.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

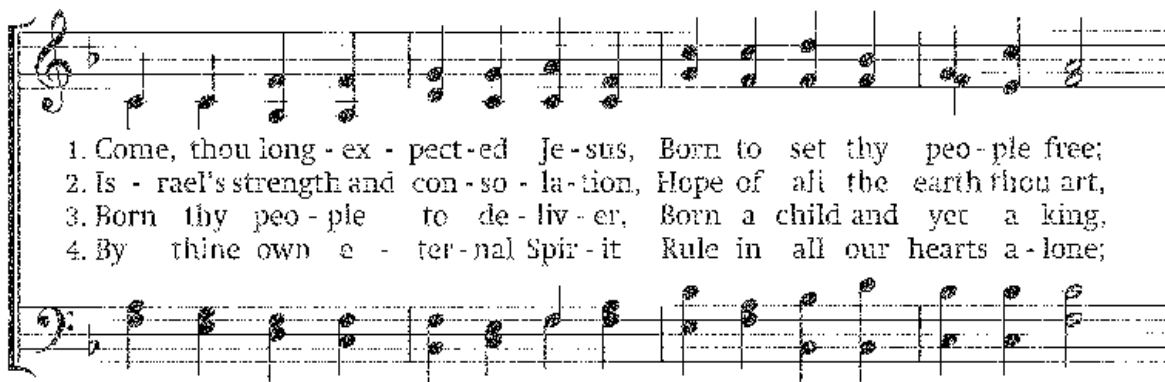
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

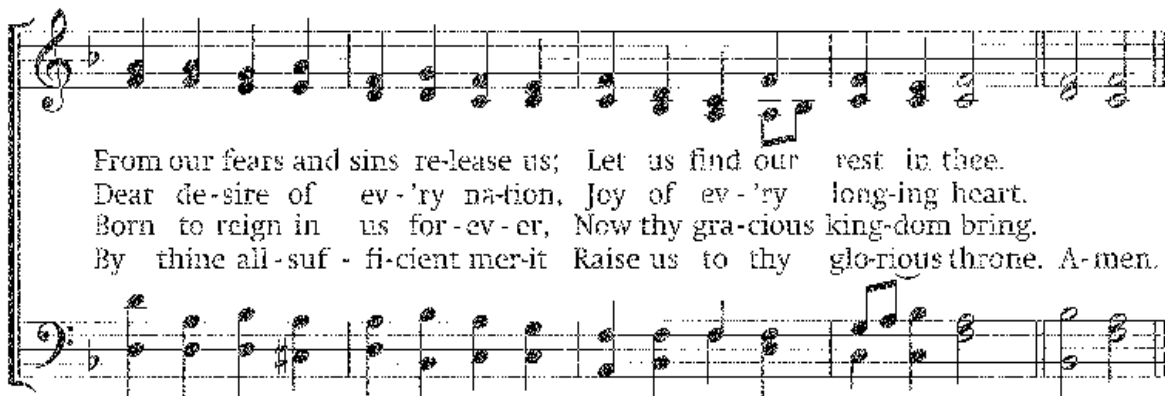
**ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,
of your favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are true members
of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works
as you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen**

The Recessional ~ Come Thou Long Expected, Jesus ~

In the Recessional, the clergy, Eucharistic ministers, and acolytes follow the Cross of Christ to the back of the nave, marking the formal end of the Holy Eucharist celebration and symbolizing our desire to follow Christ as we live our lives and serve him.



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set thy peo-ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art,
3. Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child and yet a king,
4. By thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Dear de-sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
By thine all-suf - fi-cient mer-it Raise us to thy glo-ri-ous throne. A-men.

The Blessing

In the blessing, the priest reassures us that God will comfort, protect, and keep us as we journey back into the world. The Holy Trinity is again invoked, reminding us of the mysterious magnificence of God and his abiding love for us.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or a seasonal blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

The Dismissal

The parish is commissioned to go out into the world to serve as ambassadors and missionaries for our Lord and to reflect His light and grace with everyone with whom we meet.

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Postlude

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NEXT STEPS



Father Hal will be in the Narthex after the service if you would like to speak with him about:

Accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior
Baptism

Confirmation
Prayer for Healing



HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

1. Admit your need. ("I am a sinner.")
2. Be willing to turn from your sins. (Repent)
3. Believe that Jesus died for your sins on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as Lord and Savior)
5. By God's grace follow Him daily.

EXTENDED PRAYER LIST



Aaron
Fr. Stan & Eileen
Brian
Alice
Shawn
Patsy
Alyssa
Amanda
Mona
John
Krystal
Nancy
Madeline
David
Diane
Walter
Jason

Joni
Ronnie
Collin
Sailor
Peggy
Joyce
Cookie
Lulu
Mark
Russell
Suzanne
Cindy
Lincy
Evelyn
Carol
Jim
Linda

Nikki
Millie
Tiffany
James & Stacy
Amelia
Julie
Michelle
Jimmy
Roy
Jolene
Martha
Becky
Ernesto
Deborah & Mike
Jimmy
Darryl
Jeffrey

Rocky
Diana
Alexis
Jamie
Sage
Sophia
Lisa
Arthur
Lee
Roxie
Katie
Hazel
Family of Charles Noll
Katie
James



12/2 Tom Thornton
12/3 Millie Seamands
12/9 Adi Wilson
12/11 Carol Emmons
12/13 Jenny Schroeder
12/16 Linda Wilson
12/18 Janet Appleton

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/21 Norma Jiagbogu
12/25 Lori Smithwick
12/25 Henry McWilliams
12/25 Anita Reisdorfer
12/29 Susan Luna
12/30 Melissa Mulkey



Operation Christmas Child

You are still able to send a box to a child in need through the Operation Christmas Child website **through December 31st.**

Scan the QR Code with your smart phone



‘Reason for the Season’ Christmas Party

December 7th, 2025 Noon

**There’s plenty for all!
Join us today after church in the Parish hall!**

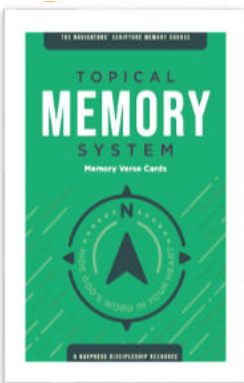
Soups and Chili



Honor your loved ones this Christmas season!

Donate to the Christmas Poinsettia Fund. Order forms & envelopes are in the Narthex.

- ♦ Fill in your name on the envelope
- ♦ List the name(s) of those you wish to honor
- ♦ Place **both** the order form and your donation in the envelope
- ♦ Place envelope in the offering plate or bring it by the office **December 17.**



Hide God’s Word in Your Heart!

This week’s memory verse:

D. Being Christ’s Disciple—Serve Others

2 Corinthians 4:5

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ Sake.



THE HANGING OF THE GREENS



Next Sunday, December 14th the church will celebrate the coming of Christmas with the annual Hanging of the Greens.

After a lunch of pizza and salad, we will gather in the Nave to begin decorating the church for Christmas.



The church will provide the pizza and drinks.

Please bring your favorite salad to share.

FMI, please contact Sharon Weber



Please join us!

Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 • 6:00 P.M.

Carols by Candlelight

*An Ecumenical Festival of Carols
Led by local clergy, choirs and
church musicians*

**Monday, December 22, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

**Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart
20 East Beauregard Ave, San Angelo**

**Open and free to the public
Reception following**

The Alpha Course

Alpha

**Sundays at 5:30 pm
in the Parish hall
January 4—March 8, 2026
Childcare provided**



- What is the meaning of life?
- What happens when we die?
- What relevance does Jesus have for our lives ?
- How do we deal with guilt?

If you would like to explore questions like these, then *Alpha* is for you.

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is for:

An anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. Adults of all ages are welcome.

Learning and laughter. It is possible to learn about the Christian faith and to have fun at the same time.

People meeting together. An opportunity to get to know others and to make new friends.

Helping one another. The small groups give you a chance to discuss issues raised during the talks.

Ask anything. *Alpha* is a place where no question is seen as too simple or too hostile.

WHO IS ALPHA FOR?

Alpha is for everyone! It's especially geared to:

- People interested in investigating Christianity.
- Newcomers to the church.
- New Christians.
- Couples preparing for marriage.
- Christians who want to brush up on the basics.

WHAT HAPPENS AT ALPHA?

There is a series of talks on topics such as:

- Who Is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- Why and How Do I Pray?
- What About the Holy Spirit?
- How Can I Overcome Evil?
- Why and How Should I Tell Others?
- Does God Heal Today?
- What About the Church?

After each talk there is a small-group time for everyone to discuss any questions or issues they have. This gives an opportunity to get to know each other and to learn together.

**The Alpha Course
Launch Party
Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026
5:30 PM**

Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Vision

One in Christ ~ One in Love

Mission

We are a vibrant, relevant, Word-based church embracing individuals and families in the Concho Valley by offering love, practical support and spiritual growth through the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

Grounded in Scripture
Strengthened through the Sacraments
Dependent on the Holy Spirit
(Loving Family)

Essential Beliefs

Commitment to Jesus Christ
Authority of Scripture
Expectant prayer
Evangelism
Relational ministry
Worship
Servant ministry
Sacrificial giving

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The Week Of December 7th—December 13th

The Second Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
 Adults with Fr. Hal in the Conference Room, Book of Hebrews
- 10:30 AM The Holy Eucharist
- Noon Church Christmas Luncheon

Monday

- 8:00 PM ADSW School for Ministry—Christian/Biblical Ethics via Zoom

Tuesday

- 10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer in Classroom 5
- 11:00 AM Ladies Bible Study in the Conference Room
- 1:00 PM 'Happy Hands' in the Conference Room

Wednesday

- 3:00 PM Gospel of John Bible Study on Facebook Live
- 6:00 PM Bible Study: The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians
- 6:45 PM Holy Communion in the Nave

The Third Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 AM The Holy Eucharist
- Noon Hanging of the Greens and Pizza!



Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Fridays 9:00 am—Noon