

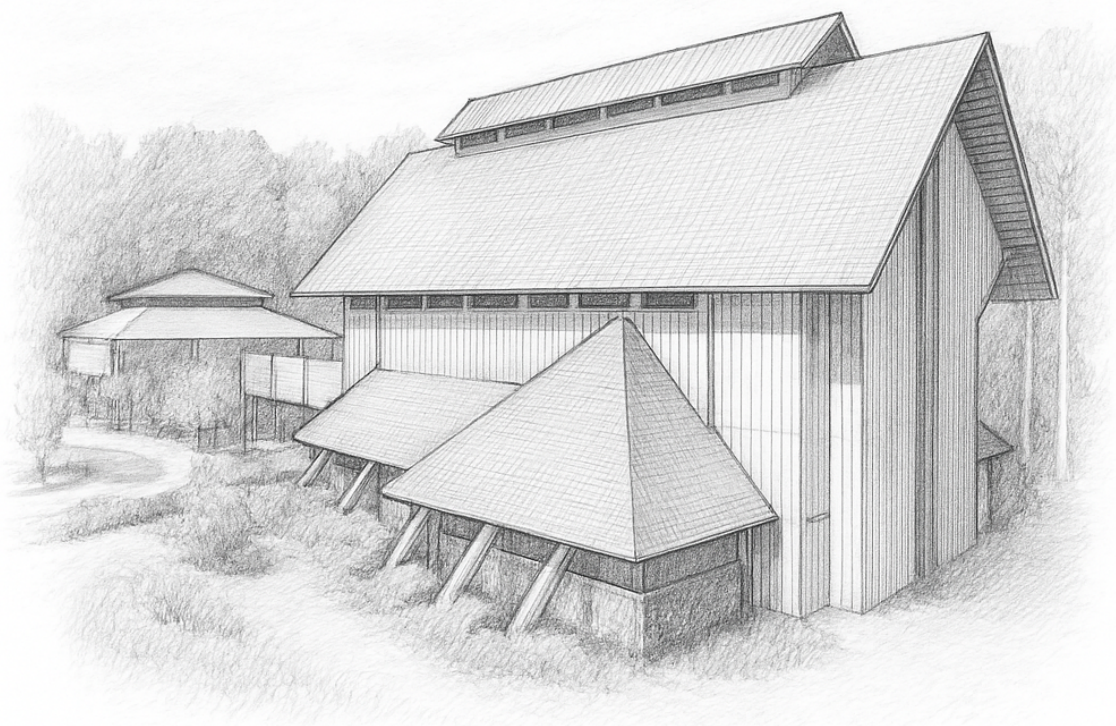
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF THE

HOLY FAMILY



THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
DECEMBER 14, 2025
10:30 AM



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We're glad you are here! If you have questions about Holy Family, please speak to an usher, a clergyperson, or the person giving the announcements- they will be glad to help. If you will register in the Guest Book in the gallery or, alternately, fill out one of the Guest Cards located on the back of the second pew chair from the center aisle and place it in the offering plate, that will give us an opportunity to know you better. Please join us in the Parish Hall at the other end of the building for refreshments after the service.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66

WINCHESTER NEW

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Celebrant Light and peace from Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

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Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on the lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing this song as the Advent Wreath is lit:



Light three candles to watch for Messi-ah; let the light banish darkness.



Lift your heads, and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;

no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
9No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

10And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15: The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

The Canticle this morning is sung entirely by the Congregation.



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his | lowly servant.
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy | is his Name.
He has mercy on | those who fear him
in every | generation.
He has shown the strength | of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in | their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty | from their thrones,
and has lifted | up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry | with good things,
and the rich he has sent | away empty.
He has come to the help of his | servant Israel,
for he has remembered his pro- | mise of mercy,
The promise he made | to our fathers,
to Abraham and his child- | ren for ever.

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

A Reading from the letter of James.

7Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 72

RICHMOND

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark Winward

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy”.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Rob and our Rector Mark and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Donald and our Governor Brian, for the leaders of nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Jasper, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all of the organizations that are in our community especially CARES, Good Samaritan, ACES, Angels on Horseback, Boys and Girls Club, the Weekend Snack Program, Arrendale Women’s Prison Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Serve Pickens, The Community Thrift Store and all other agencies supported by our parish. Guide and support out mission with the LAMB Institute in Honduras, our mission with St. Mark’s School in Haiti and the relationships with our Companion diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana and our partner parish, St. James the Apostle, Elmina. For all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad and all those who place themselves in harm’s way for our sake, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans and for the sick and the suffering, Lucy Sullivan, Bowman Crum, Joyce Dewey, Mary Porter, Steve Hawkins, Coty Tootle, Mariellen Schultz, Amelia Broussard, Susan Smith, as well as Trip Edwards, Wheeler Caney, Leanne Caney, John Beane, Bill Pattillo, Jimmy Flynn, Wayne Mulkey, Mike Nunn, Iris Harris, Carol Monroe, Tom Ciomek, Sue Dykman, those on our long-term prayer list found on the back of the service leaflet, and those that we name either silently or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Mary and Joseph and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant says

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion at Holy Family. Communion is offered at the altar rail and may also be brought to anyone in the pews unable to move to the altar rail. Alternatively to drinking from the common cup you may 1) receive only the bread, or 2) dip the wafer in the wine before consuming it (intinction). On the right end of the altar rail gluten-free wafers and wine-infused wafers are available.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. – *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Johannes Brahms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S 124

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

THE COMMUNION

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of the congregation of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family I send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 65

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



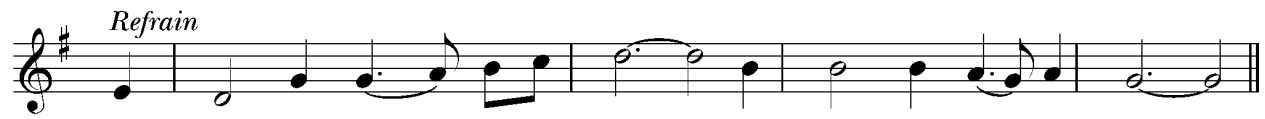
- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



*Join us this afternoon at 4pm for our annual **Service of Lessons & Carols**, featuring the Holy Family Choir with special guests, and followed by a reception hosted by the Hospitality Committee.*

MEMBERS' LOVED ONES SERVING IN THE MILITARY

John Cook, US Navy
Jaret Bosarge, US Military Academy
Jacob Price, US Navy
Mark Reed, US Marines
Jack Resetar, US Military Academy
Grace Resetar, US Army
Christopher Weaver, US Army
Joel Winters, US Army
Kevin Caney, US Air Force
Brendan Zavesky, US Air Force
Jennie Sibley Sheffield, US Air Force
Taylor Everidge, US Navy
Mark Tootle, US Army
David Rudger, US Army
James Tindall, US Army

HOLY FAMILY CONNECTION

Kathleen & Taylor Allen-Leonard
Carolyn & Phil Anderson

Amelia & Robert Broussard
Farnham Caney & Jeannine Krenson
Susan Mowry
Jennie & John Sheffield
June Giglia
Coty Tootle
Susan & John Rowan
Anne & Byron Tindall

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Nancy Faussone*, June Bernal and her parents, Maggie and Sam, Diane Douglas*, Becky Jacobs, Larry Jones*, Ann Hilpert, Bill Glisson, Derek Allen, Winship Durrett 1/13/25*, Barbara Jones Black, Ted Hackett*, Kim Winters, Terry Franzen*, Janet L'Abbe, Mariellen Schultz*, Paul Smith, Jamie Quinn*, Sally Smith, Pam and Kirk Kondos, Matt Porter, Bill Zercher*, Greg DeNiro, Ed Dewey*, Dave Carley, Ellen Lloyd*, Corby Johnson Martin, Todd Nicholson, David Vezzetti, Megan Elizabeth Hill, Teonila Arde Patel, Suzanne Quin Fojas, Mary Campbell Stromire Hope Schultz, Ashley Waller, Liz, Bill Davis, Marianne Koberger, Jaime, Sue Watters, Bunny Fulton

*parishioners

UNRESTRICTED GIVING FOR OCTOBER 2025

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Mission: *Creating Christian community: serving and engaging
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