

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 28, 2021

Please wear a mask throughout the service and in any building on campus.

Receiving Holy Communion

Please sanitize your hands before approaching the table when picking up your communion wafer.

The Advent greens are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the four most important women in my life: Susie Beane, Susan Beane, M.D., Jordan Thirus, and Evan Williams, by The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane.

The Advent wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Newt Green.

The front door wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alma Garlick-Jones, by Randy Jones and Wayne Williams.

PRELUDE - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Plainsong, David Dutton, cello.

ENTRANCE Hymn - "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

66, Hymnal 1982

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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

Celebrant:

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.***

TRISAGION

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People: ***Have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant:

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.***

FIRST LESSON - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: A Reading from Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

THE RESPONSE - Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from ever-lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND LESSON - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN – “Savior of the Nations, Come!”

54, *Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL - Luke 21:25-36

The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Bill Sachs

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People:

***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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form VI

Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

Deacon: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Deacon: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Deacon: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Deacon: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Deacon: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Deacon: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our own bishops, Bill, our Interim Rector, and Emmetri, our Deacon.

People: ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Deacon: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Barbara Cook
 Benjamin Ryan
 Buddy Clark
 Carol Galloway
 Catherine
 Haley Clark
 Jeanette Goss
 Joe Leary

Kirsten Brannon
 Martha Turner
 Melanie Chambers
 Nadine
 Patrick Edrington
 Ray Johns
 Robert Dodd
 Sally Jebson

Sonja Johns
 Stephen Brown
 Allahvel Fitzpatrick, Sr.
 Phyllis Byrne
 Evelyn Rogers
 Cheryl Moore
 Priscilla Cook
 Wayne Gallimore

Ed & Jane Curry
Christopher Gaines
Amy Keady
Linda Long
Neeta Tewari

Anne Kunlo Scully
Chris Geest
Jane
Tony Mullins
Doug Baumgardner

Pat Kerrick
Marrietta Easley
Rick Brown

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Deacon: We pray for healthcare workers, first responders, law enforcement, essential workers, and for all others who minister to the suffering. We ask you to grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: We pray for those in the military and for those serving our country at home and abroad, and their families, let us pray to the Lord, especially for:

Abigail Brannon
Allahvel
Fitzpatrick, Jr.
Braeden Woodside
Carrington Travers

David A. Hoffman
Jessica Helsel
Michael Sprinkel
Matthew Stevens
Nate Cotter

Samuel McCabe
Taylor Craddock

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Deacon: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Deacon: For the thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, let us pray to the Lord, especially for:

Nov. 28: Emlyn Myers
Nov. 28: Wyatt Snider
Nov. 30: Donna Hamner
Nov. 30: Marty Moon
Dec. 1: Jack Garber
Dec. 2: Gail Christopher

Dec. 2: Michael Miller
Dec. 2: Tristan Myers
Dec. 4: Jim Allen
Dec. 4: Sonja Cook
Dec. 4: Kitty Whitman
Nov. 28: Stephanie & John Reimers

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Deacon: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Deacon: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Deacon: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: ***Who put their trust in you.***

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant and People:

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from 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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - ""O Come, Divine Messiah""

*Simon Joseph Pellegrin
Sung by Chancel Choir*

THE DOXOLOGY - Fraction Anthem (*At the Presentation of the gifts*)

380 (v. 3), Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People sing:

***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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

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 right to give him thanks and praise.***

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.

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 - 125, Hymnal 1982

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Holy Family and Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.***

THE BREAKING OF THE Bread

S - 155, Hymnal 1982

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia.***

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.

NOTE: *Please sanitize your hands before picking up your communion bread.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
“I Am the Bread of Life”

324, *Hymnal 1982*
335, *Hymnal 1982*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant:

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. ***Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN - “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

67, *Hymnal 1982*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Wreath Making - A Family Event!

Today at 9 AM, we will join together in the Parish Hall to make tabletop Advent wreaths. Learn how to wrap greenery, add candles, and then take them home to enjoy. All materials are supplied. Feel free to bring your own choice of greens from your garden.

There will be no 9 AM Sunday school for adults or for children on Nov. 28.

Our Angel Tree Project Has Begun

Choose an Angel from our tree to provide a child in need with Christmas toys, clothing, or BOTH! The process will work like last year, all done electronically so everyone can stay safe. You can view the procedure details and sign up chart here. Contact Faith Dickerson to ensure your selection PRIOR to shopping: faithandbrian.giles@gmail.com.

Vestry Meeting

Highlights from the vestry met last Sunday.

- The Christmas schedule was talked about, and the Worship Committee will be meeting on Dec. 5 to work out the details.
- We have published job descriptions for the variety of openings we have.
- The Finance Committee has worked hard to present a balanced budget for the vestry to question and determine alternatives. We look forward to the December meeting to approve a budget.
- Current expenses are pretty much as budgeted.
- The Food Closet Buy-A-Bird campaign is just about fully funded!
- The Parish Hall roof has been repaired and painted.
- Both dishwashers in the kitchen have been repaired.
- An internal audit was accomplished and overall, everything looks alright.

BoSA Spaghetti Sauce Fund Raiser

The Brotherhood still has some (now frozen) spaghetti sauce and noodles for sale on Sundays. The \$8 cost of the meal will benefit Young Life and YoungLives.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday school: Fr. Bill will be teaching a mini-series on the meaning of Advent beginning Sunday, December 5. This will take place over the course of 3 Sundays.

There will be no Sunday school for children, youth, or adults December 26 or January 2.

Super Seniors Social Group

Our first meeting last Thursday was a lot of fun! We spent time getting acquainted and played some trivia and Bingo. We'll continue on the 1st and 3rd Thursday in December, and are open to exploring meeting on a different day. Our next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 2 at 2 PM in the Gathering Room. For more information, reach out to Barb Rosica: barbdick@gmail.com or 540-547-3644.

Pledge Cards Due

Please return your 2022 pledge card to the treasurer's office by Dec.5. Extra forms are available on the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall, in the office, or can be mailed upon request. The Finance Committee will finalize the church budget to present to the congregation based on received pledge card totals.

Altar Greens

Sundays, Dec. 2 and 19, are available if you would like to purchase the altar greens with a memorial message. An offering of \$25 will cover the cost of one vase, of \$50 for two arrangements, of greens. Contact the office to let us know. 540-825-8786.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 5: Cody Snider

Dec. 6: Cindy Rickett

Dec. 8: Hannah Vaught

Dec. 9: Dave Cooper

Dec. 9: Jean Isaacson

Dec. 10: Nancy Gayheart

Dec. 10: Riley St. John

Dec. 5: Harry & Rosa Smith

Dec. 11: Jerry & Cristin Myers

Food Closet Need of the Week

Bring donations to church every Sunday to be blessed. Get the kids involved!

- Drinks (water, Gatorade, soda)
- Oatmeal: packets or container
- Spam, Treet, Tuna, Chicken, Sardines
- Tampons

Drop donations at the Food Closet
Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 12 PM

Send monetary donations to:

The Culpeper Food Closet
P.O. Box 343
Culpeper, VA 22701