

# First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



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# The Word of God

**Prelude**

*Resting in Jesus*

-- B. Logan

**Opening Hymn #61**

*Sleepers, wake!*

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Advent 1

**Celebrant** The evening of the year is upon us.

**People** **We enter the darkness and wait for light's return.**

**Reader** We light one candle to remind us of God's light.

*The first candle is lit.*

**Celebrant** All of our waiting is a waiting for God.

**People** **God of our hearts, we wait for you alone.**

**Priest** Blessed Be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**Priest** Let us pray

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.**

## Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest        The Lord be with you  
**People**      ***And also with you***  
Priest        Let us pray

### **The Collect of the Day**

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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.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **The First Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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."

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

#### **Psalm 25:1-9**

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

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 everlasting.

**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.

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**The Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**Gradual Hymn #487**

*Come, my way*

-- Vs 1 & 2 before and Vs 3 after

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**The Gospel**

Luke 21:25-36

The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke.  
***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."

Priest      The Gospel of the Lord  
**People      *Praise to you, Lord Christ***

**The Nicene Creed**

*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, Form III**

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As we wait with joy for Jesus Christ, the one who is to come, let us offer prayers to God who sent his Son as the true light into the world.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop, for Bonnie our Bishop, Bishop Mota, ELCA Bishop Donald Kreiss, for Sharon our priest and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the church throughout the world especially for Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills and St. Matthew's in Nizao, DR and the faithful in every place.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for those on our parish prayer list **Dennis; James Bender; Katie Blouin; Cindy Bouchard; Adam Bridgewater; Liz Brown; Amy C.; Jack Coatta; Terry Coatta; Jerry Elliot; Angela Ferris; Midge Ferris; Allen Fields; Barbara Garrison; Wesley Harnack; Samantha Haremza; David Kelly; Gary M.; Jerry M.; Anderson Moreno; Trisha Neuenschwander; Sydney Owen; Tom P.; Patrick; Riendl Family; Rosalie; Carolyn and Michael Roy; Benjamin Runyan; Sophia Russell; Christine Saiter; Del Saiter; Cameron Sipperley; Tom and Joyce Yarnevich; Brandon; Edward; Lucas; Leslie and Jim Richardson; Char Wall; Matthew; Lyla Joy; Laura; Patty; Father Bob Wollard; Ryan; Sharon Yates; Amanda K.; Nicole; Ricky, Payton K., Pax James, Pema, Will** and for those we remember aloud or spoken silently in our hearts (pause),

For the dying and the dead.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord.**

*Celebrant:*

O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver, desire of all nations and savior of all peoples, come and save us, O Lord our God. Glory to you forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

Priest        Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Priest and People:**

***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.***

Priest        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.

## The Peace

Priest      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People**    ***And also with you.***

## The Announcements

### The Holy Communion

**Offertory**, Chancel Choir                      *Prepare Ye the Way*                      -- J. Martin

## The Doxology

***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. Amen.***

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
*The people remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.***

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:

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

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***Hosanna in the highest.***

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

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:*

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: *(Sunday school children return to parents)*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues:*

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**

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***



## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God

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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.

## Communion

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

-- J. Schop

*All baptized persons are invited to receive communion at God's table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, you may indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest at the altar. Communion can be brought to those in the pews with mobility issues. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*For those who are participating through YouTube, the following prayer of "spiritual communion" may be said when actual reception of Holy Communion is not possible. It is meant to be said silently or aloud by each individual at the time when communion would normally occur.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me in this life and in the life to come. Amen  
(from Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from *Prayer of St. Alphonsus Ligouri*)

## The Postcommunion Prayer

***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.***

## Closing Hymn #640

*Watchman, tell us of the night*

## The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Awake! A Voice is Calling*

-- J.S. Bach -- BWV 645

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries in December**

### **Happy Anniversary**

Doug & Beth White, Kathy Longcore & Clarence Millen

### **Happy Birthday**

Liz Brown, Dani Hamm, Byron Lewinski, Del Saiter Jr, Judy Saiter, Joanna Moreno, Jack Westlake, David Weill, Lily Hack, Angie Agorgianitis, Andrew Przytulski

### **Sunday Assistance**

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – Ushers: John Ferris Sr

Readers: Gail Fleming, Beth White, Bill Richardson

Coffee Hour: Bob VanFleet

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Ushers: Worley Smith, Donna Andrzejewski

Readers: Carole Wollard, Pat Kent, Francine Klein

Coffee Hour: *help needed*

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Ushers: John Ferris Jr, Doug White

Readers: Greg Walter, Bill Richardson, Lois Vestuto

Coffee Hour: Dianne Hammond & Maggie Raymer

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ushers: Dianne Hammond, Francine Klein

Readers: Pat Kent, Gail Fleming, Beth White

Coffee Hour: Rob & Judy Stevens

Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Ushers:

Readers: Lois Vestuto, Carole Wollard, John Ferris Jr

Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Ushers:

Readers: Francine Klein, Bill Richardson

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Ushers: Justice Moor, Scott Slocum

Readers: Lois Vestuto, Greg Walter, Gail Fleming

Coffee Hour: *help needed*

## Announcements

Healing services are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday during Communion at the 10:00 am service.

There is a basket in the Narthex for the Treesgiving Foundation. They will be taking donations until the end of December. If you are aware of anyone who is homebound or could benefit from a tree, please contact Lois Vestuto or Emily Hack as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please be thinking of what this community means to you and how you can help in its success. Forms are available at the back of the church.

The Vestry is searching for new members. Three people are going off the vestry this year. If you are interested in being on the Vestry, please let the Vestry know.

It's that time again...Companion submissions are due. Please email those ASAP to Emily in the office or to Greg Walter (itsgregwalter@gmail.com). Since there haven't been very many submissions yet, the Companion won't publish until the end of Nov or early December this time.

The next visit to the Jewish Life Center with Bob VanFleet will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

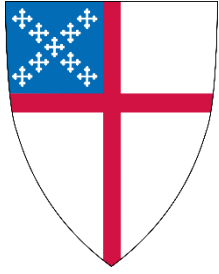
Christmas flower forms are available at the back of church. The cost is \$20 and they are due back on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you aren't able to host coffee hour, please consider donating to the coffee hour fund. The fund helps to cover the cost of disposable items and coffee supplies.

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Office hours (9:30-3:30 pm), Mahjong (1:00 pm), AA & Al-Anon (8:00 pm)
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Choir Practice (7:00 pm)
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Office hours (9:30-3:30 pm), Blue Christmas (7:00 pm)
- Dec. 9<sup>nd</sup> – Mahjong (1:00 pm), AA & Al-Anon (8:00 pm)
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Office hours (9:30-3:30 pm), Grief Support (6:00 pm)
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Office hours (9:30-3:30 pm)
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Adult Christmas Party (5:00 pm), sign-up sheet is posted in Richardson Room
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Mahjong (1:00 pm), AA & Al-Anon (8:00 pm)
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Office hours (2:00-5:00 pm), Vestry Meeting (7:00 pm)
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Office hours (9:30-3:30 pm)
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Nicholas Brunch (following 10 am service), sign-up sheet is posted
- Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mahjong (1:00 pm), AA & Al-Anon (8:00 pm)
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass (5:00 pm)
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Mass (10:00 am)

Per Diocese recommendations, St. Andrew's Office will be closed from Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

## Sunday Worship Schedule

**8:00 am**

Suspended until Spring 2025

**10:00 am**

Choral

YouTube service and Sunday School are available

*Details can be found on our website or join our email list for information direct to your inbox!*

### Prayer for the Calling of a New Priest

Holy and gracious God, you have created us in your own image and have blessed us with many gifts for the benefit of all our brothers and sisters and for your glory.

Guide us as we search for a new priest, that we may use our gifts of patience, compassion, wisdom, and prayer to bring us to a place of peace and confidence in your plan.

We know that our new priest will come in your own time to shepherd us and grow with us as we continue our path of ministry in your name.

Grant us strength and increase our faith as we await the new shepherd of our flock.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

### **The Rev. Sharon Voelker**

Interim Priest in Charge

**Music Director/Organist:** Sherri Brown

Elizabeth Heilig, Chancel Choir

Accompanist

### **Vestry**

Senior Warden: Jack Chaney

Junior Warden: Greg Walter

Clerk: Joelle Chaney

Treasurer: Judy Rowcliffe

Gail Fleming, Emily Hack, Dani Hamm,  
Pat Kent, Scott Slocum, Audrey Smith,  
Carole Wollard