

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 2, 2018
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us. If at any moment in the service you are not sure what to do, ask any of your neighbors in the congregation—they will be happy to help you. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a Connect card (found in the pew racks) and drop the card in the collection plate or hand it to one of the clergy or ushers.

FORMATION

We provide **Sunday School** and Christian formation to children from ages 3 to 18 from Sept. – May from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Locations of classes can be provided by one of our ushers. While children are always welcome at all services, professional **nursery** care for children ages six weeks to four years is provided from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Nursery (downstairs in the church's annex building). **Adult Formation** is also offered during the 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. hour. The Seekers book study group meets in the administrative building. We also offer adult forums in the new building's Fellowship Hall periodically during this formation time period.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up at the communion rail. To receive wine, assist the Eucharistic Minister in guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may intinct by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your request by first extending your hands palms down when at the communion rail. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder, and you are invited to take one from this holder.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services at St. Margaret's occur on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. (Rite I spoken service), and 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. (Rite II with music). We also have a Wednesday morning service at 7:30 a.m. in the administrative reception room. The Liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer and the music from the "Hymnal 1982," "Wonder, Love, and Praise," and "Voices Found" or as otherwise noted.

OUR MISSION

Transforming lives in Christ through worship, formation, and giving.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II



INTROIT

Come to us, Emmanuel
Spirit Singers

Carol McClure

*Come to us, Emmanuel, Christ whose hope we now await,
Whose birth the prophets did foretell, Come to us we pray.
Shine in us, Emmanuel, Christ whose light we celebrate,
Whose birth the prophets did foretell, Shine in us we pray.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Leader

In commemoration of Christ as the true light coming into the world, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. Today, we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing and the well-being of all creation.

The candle of hope is lit.

Leader Loving God,

People **as we enter this Advent season
we open all the dark places in our lives
and memories to the healing light of Christ.
Show us the power of Hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Leader

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection, for the light of God's love is discernible everywhere. Welcome Christ into your heart this season and go forth with the knowledge that Christ is coming and is our hope. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Sleepers, wake!"

Wachet auf

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
 Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

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

A reading from 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.**

PSALM 25:1-9 *(said responsively by half verse)*

- 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.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from the first letter 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.**

The people stand as they are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon- or, glo-ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a- way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- given;
4 may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev- er- last-ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.

Children's Chapel begins here at the 9 a.m. service for children from ages three to second grade. Children leave the nave during this sequence hymn following behind the cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the downstairs annex classroom with the children rejoining their parents at The Peace.

As the Gospel moment approaches, and the book is processed and the music plays, everyone turns and reorients themselves to face where the Gospel is, for the teachings of Jesus reorient our lives towards Him, and at this moment, we become the Jesus Movement. —Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

The people stand as they are able.

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

*Marilyn D. McGee
In the Courtyard*

Leader

In patience and in hope,
let us offer our prayers to God,
saying with one voice,

**"We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near."**

For all who walk in God's Holy Way:
those in the pews and in the pulpits;
those at home and on the streets;
for all who ponder God's promise in their hearts,
and all who carry the good news into the world,

**We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near.**

For the nations and their leaders:
that eyes may be opened and ears unstopped,
and that peace and justice break forth in every land.

**We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near.**

For all the world: heaven and earth,
the seas, and all that is in them.
For the early and the late rains,
and the precious crop from the earth.
For the gathering darkness and the light of hope.

**We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near.**

For this community and all who live in it,
each member of the whole body:
friend and stranger, parent and child,
brother and sister, widow and orphan.
Strengthen weak hands, dear God,
and make firm the feeble.

**We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near.**

For all who are nearest to you, O God:
the lonely, the out-of-work,
the fearful, the cold, the hungry, and sick, especially...
For the one who is sorry, and the one who is ashamed.
It is you, our God of hope, who sets all prisoners free.

We rejoice with joy

For the coming of the LORD is near.

For all the departed, and all who remember,

We rejoice with joy

For the coming of the LORD is near.

Celebrant

We are waiting, O God, with all the patience we can muster. Beloved of angels and archangels, Lover of saints and sinners, God our Savior, to you alone we pray, **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people may kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

Holy God of Advent,

you come near to us,

yet we continue to seal our hearts

with indifference to a suffering world.

Open our hearts,

and make us more compassionate.

You approach us with bundles of mercy

to kindle our hope,

but we continue to build our lives

with the bricks of bitterness.

Cease our anger,

so we might become more forgiving.

And open our souls,

so we might become children of Advent.

ABSOLUTION

Thom Shuman

Celebrant

This is the good news: you will be swept away in the waters of mercy, salvation carrying you home to God's heart. Peace, serenity, healing, hope—these gifts, and more, are ours in this Advent season of watching and waiting. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people stand as able, exchange the Peace and are seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Light One Candle
Spirit Singers

Natalie Sleeth

*Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to every heart, He comes! He comes!
Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to every heart, He comes! He comes!
Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,
Every nation will find salvation in Bethlehem's baby boy.
Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love,
He brings love to every heart, He comes! He comes!*

The people remain seated while offertory music is sung, and bread and wine are brought to the altar. An offering of gifts is collected, and along with the bread and wine, they are presented to God as thanksgiving for the blessings poured out onto us. Our gifts: bread, wine, music and money, become sacramental in God's economy. The people stand as able when directed.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Scottish Liturgy 1982

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

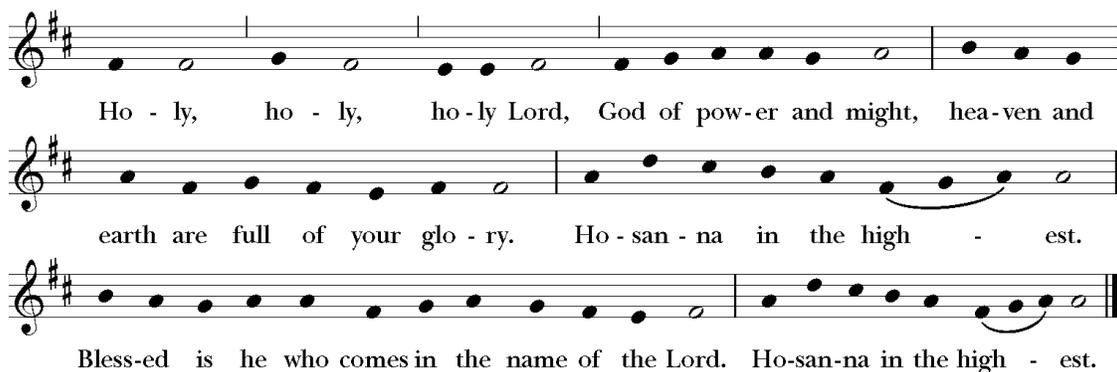
Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come. Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS

Hurd



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.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant:

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

Celebrant & 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

AGNUS DEI

Hurd

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

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

The people are seated. Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms down when at the communion rail. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder and you are invited to take one from this holder.

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav - eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav - eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav - eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

COMMUNION HYMN

O day of God, draw nigh

St. Michael

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

After communion, the people stand as able when directed.

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

On most Sundays, we send out Eucharistic visitors to deliver the sacraments to those who cannot be with us. This is the prayer we use to send them on their way.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, to N. that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God of all grace,
may we live in expectation and hope,
and may the gifts we have received at this table
remind us not only of the gift of your Christ,
but of your steady presence among us,
that we may act faithfully
in response to your love.
Amen.**

BLESSING

May the grace of Jesus Christ, who is the same today, yesterday and forever, lead you to the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and prepare you for the greater glory which is to come. **Amen.**

HYMN

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine
train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: *Helmsley*, melody by Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778);
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

In This Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Patti Sachs
Preacher	The Rev. Peter W. Mayer
Music	Jim Douglas
Eucharistic Ministers 9:00	Beth Knorr, Terry Otis
Lectors 9:00	Paul Westcott, Mollie Flounlacker
Acolytes 9:00	Cole Canuel, Austin Canuel, Sophia Canuel, Dylan Bishop
Children's Chapel	Jaime John, Ella Tomko, Ernie Tucker
Eucharistic Ministers 11:15	Stacia Bontempo, Jim Hall
Lectors 11:15	Sue Snyder, Jim Weekley
Acolytes 11:15	Peter Saroch, Greta Lunsford, Grace and Connor Feldmann
Altar Guild	Elizabeth Parker, Susan Roberts, Lyn Sloan, Gayle Smith
Flower Guild	Mollie Flounlacker
Coffeehour Hosts	Sarah Hyde, Teresa Todd, Bill Saur



BULLETIN INSERTS

December 2, 2018 – Advent 1 (C) First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of the Jesus at Christmas through the practices of *Journeying the Way of Love*. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

Sunday, December 2

WORSHIP

Pay attention during worship today. What part of the service fills your heart?

Monday, December 3

GO

Take time to listen closely to someone you may not ordinarily take seriously, or who has a different perspective than you.

Tuesday, December 4

LEARN

Read Luke 1:26-38. What is God calling you to say “yes” to?

Wednesday, December 5

PRAY

Set a timer for five minutes. Silently repeat this prayer: “Come, Lord Jesus.”

Thursday, December 6

BLESS

In the spirit of St. Nicholas, practice a random act of kindness today.

Friday, December 7

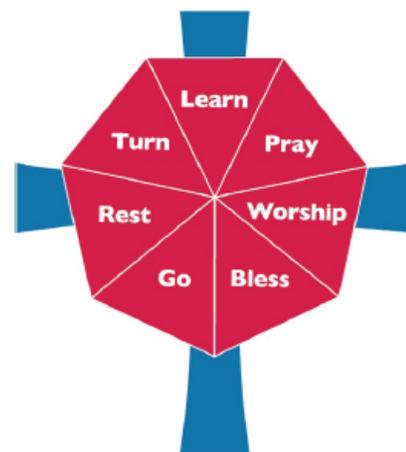
TURN

Reflect: Where have I fallen short this week? How can I make amends?

Saturday, December 8

REST

Do something today that replenishes your spirit.



THE WAY OF LOVE
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Sunday, December 2, 2018
5:00 p.m. in the afternoon

Prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ child and the season of Advent

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5:00 p.m.*

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Sunday, December 16
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Noon, 7:00 p.m.*

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Monday, December 24
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Tuesday, December 25
10:00 a.m.

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