



Church of the Advent

Advent Advisor

August 2023



A Child Explains God

I am a news junkie. Although an optimist, I find much of the current news disturbing, even depressing. Sometimes I have to slog through some rather dismal stuff to remember that God is in control and that I actually believe that we are held in the love of God whose grace fills our lives with good things. Children say and do things that seem to put things in right perspective. Their simple, honest faith may be for God's children of all ages the way into the life of God where harsh realities are transformed as people of the world that God so loves are transformed and become committed to the common good. I am convinced that children are the delight and hope of the world.

Over 20 years ago, the following was written by 8-year old Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, California, for his third-grade homework assignment to explain God.

EXPLAIN GOD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your Mom and Dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard

work like walking on water and performing miracles and people finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said "O.K."

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God.

Connie and Danny



Beginning with the first Sunday in August, choir resumes practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the chancel.



**SING PRAISES
to the LORD**

Psalm 30:4

All voices are welcome to join in.

Returning from the summer break, choir members will discover that the bookracks in the choir loft have been redesigned so they are more accessible for storing larger books.



Beginning in August, a new schedule for ushers and Altar Guild will be in effect.

SCHEDULE

Thank you to the newest volunteers. And thank you to Lori Taylor, Brandon Woody and Joe Jernigan for making contacts to create the list.

If you need a print out of the list, please see Joe.

Did You Know?

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

The Collect for Purity is an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation.

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship. During the summer months, Organist Brandon Woody has chosen hymns for the Gloria.

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity’s relationship with God and one another.

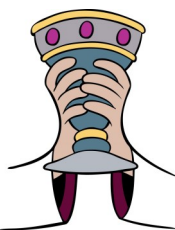
The second reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

The Gospel reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus’ words and actions.

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

To be continued in future issues



THE EUCHARIST



Altar Guild

Ushers

January

Lori Taylor
Jeannie Sessoms

January

Don Beach
Lowell Taylor

February

Bob Greene
Janice Greene

February

Bob Greene
Janice Greene

March

Johnny Miller
Ellen Miller

March

Ellen Miller
Johnny Miller

April

Brandon Woody
Lori Taylor

April

Jim Allen
Maria Allen

May

Kit Reddick
Jeannie Sessoms

May

Jeannie Sessoms
Joe Jernigan

June

Brandon Woody
Teri Curley

June

Valerie Cooke
Michael Biondi

July

Teri Curley
Brandon Woody

July

Chuck Cohen
Cathy Cohen

August

Doug Chesson
Christine Chesson

August

Doug Chesson
Christine Chesson

September

Ginny Webb
Bill Webb

September

Bill Webb
Ginny Webb

October

John Price
Cathy Skinner

October

Don Beach
Don Mills

November

Bob Greene
Janice Greene

November

Sue House
Joe Jernigan

December

Lori Taylor
John Price

December

Jim Allen
Maria Allen

The Prayer List is found in the notebook marked "Prayer Lists" on the usher's table in the narthex of the church. Names may be added at any time by writing them in the notebook or calling the church office after requesting permission of those for whom prayer is requested. The Prayer List is read aloud weekly at Sunday services. Contact the church office if you wish to have a name added, re-listed, or taken off the list.

Prayer List

- Janice Ford
- Betty Jones
- Ann Wallace
- Carlis & Faye Lee
- Amanda & Sarah Smith
- Jessie Critcher
- Bill Karas
- Robert, Mary & Hugh Bonner
- Moss Vance

Birthdays

- 4 ~ Christopher Bosso
- 8 ~ Kismet Matthews
- 9 ~ Betty Jones
- 10 ~ Cathy Cohen
- 12 ~ Jess Miller
- 15 ~ Collins Crowe
- 15 ~ John Roney
- 20 ~ Caleb Fay
- 23 ~ Jane Allen
- 26 ~ Janice Greene
- 26 ~ Tom Slade



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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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*****For all problems or issues dealing with the church and rectory buildings and grounds, please contact Joe and then he and Doug will determine how to proceed.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- August 6 Holy Eucharist 11:00am
- August 13 Morning Prayer/John Price 11:00am
- August 20 Morning Prayer/Kit Reddick 11:00am
- August 27 Holy Eucharist 11:00am
- August 27 Vestry Meeting 5:00pm
- September 3 Holy Eucharist 11:00am
- September 10 Holy Eucharist 11:00am
- September 10 Fall Kickoff Luncheon 12:00noon
- September 13 Evening Holy Eucharist 6:00pm
- September 17 Morning Prayer 11:00am
- September 24 Holy Eucharist 11:00am

The Church of the Advent is a nurturing, vibrant, and inclusive community inviting spiritual growth through liturgical worship, outreach, and fellowship.

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Lay Schedule

	6 <i>Transfiguration</i> HE II 11:00 A.M.	13 <i>11 Pentecost</i> MP II 11:00 A.M.	20 <i>12 Pentecost</i> MP II 11:00 A.M.	27 <i>13 Pentecost</i> HE II 11:00 A.M.
<i>MP Leader</i>		John Price	Kit Reddick	
<i>Lector</i>	Kit Reddick	Valerie Cooke	Michael Biondi	Chuck Cohen
<i>Intercessor</i>	Kit Reddick			Cathy Cohen
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	John Price			Don Beach
<i>Acolyte</i>				
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Doug Chesson Christine Chesson			
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug Chesson Christine Chesson			