

Church of the Advent

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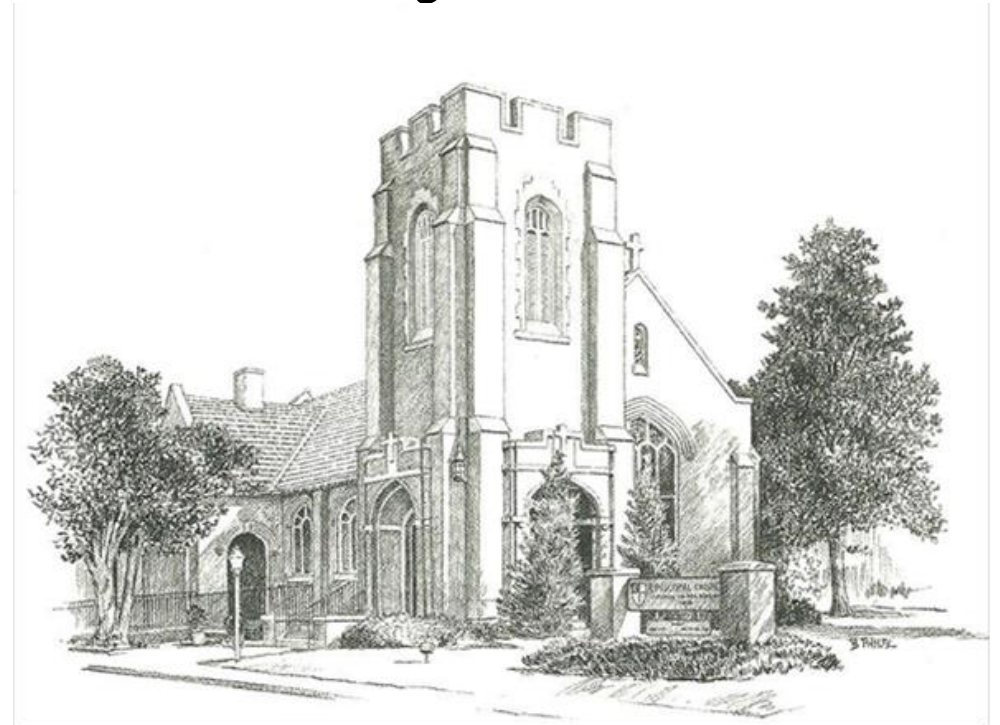
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Established 1850

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

**The Holy Name
of our Lord Jesus Christ
Spiritual Communion**

January 1, 2023

11:00 A.M.

The time prior to the start of the service is set aside for prayerful waiting and reflection.
Please be respectful in observing silence at this time. **Please silence all electronic devices.**
S denotes Service Music found at the beginning of the hymnal.
BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN (stand) *How bright appears the morning star* Hymnal 497

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.***

GLORY TO GOD *Christ upon the mountain peak (verse 1)* Hymnal 129

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

FIRST LESSON (sit) *Numbers 6:22-27*

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,

Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 8



- 1 ***O Lord our Governor, ****
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 ***Out of the mouths of infants and children ****
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 ***You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, ****
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 ***When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ****
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 ***What is man that you should be mindful of him? ****
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 ***You have made him but little lower than the angels; ****
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 ***You give him mastery over the works of your hands; ****
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 ***All sheep and oxen, ****
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 ***The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, ****
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 ***O Lord our Governor, ****
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

SECOND LESSON *Philippians 2:5-11*

A reading from the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL HYMN (*stand*) *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* Hymnal 324

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:15-21*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

SERMON (*sit*)

NICENE CREED (*stand*) BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III* BCP 387

THE PEACE (*stand*) BCP 360

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*sit*)

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN (*sit*) *There is a name I love to hear*
RESPONSE (*stand*) *Of the Father's love begotten, (verse 4)* Hymnal 82

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I invite you now to join in an act of spiritual communion whereby we seek with heart and body to make our full communion with God, beginning with the words our Lord Himself taught us to pray:

***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.***

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory.

And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Hymnal 450

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

Calendar

Sunday Jan 8	9:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm, 12th Night Party at Cathy Skinner's home
Sunday Jan 15	9:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist

Announcements

- ✝ The 2023 offering envelopes are in the narthex. Next to the boxes is a signup sheet. Please sign your name to the corresponding number of envelopes you select.
- ✝ A floral offering poster is on the sacristy bulletin board for parishioners to sign up for Sundays in which they would like to offer altar flowers in 2022. Standing offerings are already penciled in. Direct any questions to Joe or Lori.