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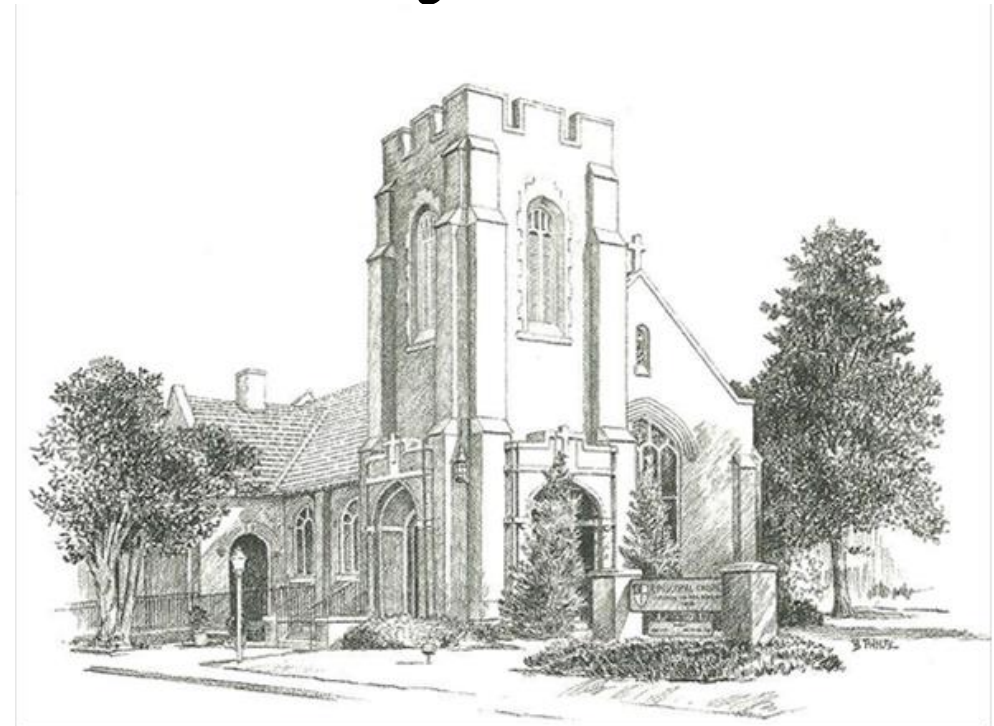
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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Worship Assistants

	<u>January 15</u>	<u>January 22</u>
Service Leader		
Acolyte		
Lector	Cathy Skinner	Michael Biondi
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Eucharistic Minister	John Price	Doug Chesson
Usher	Don Beach	Don Beach
Usher	Lowell Taylor	Lowell Taylor

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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 Second Sunday
 after the Epiphany
 Holy Eucharist Rite II*

January 15, 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

PROCESSION HYMN (please stand) Christ, whose glory fills the skies Hymnal 7

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S-280

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light
of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word
and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's
glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the
ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with
you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON (please be seated) Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.
Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me,
“You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing
and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my
God.”

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to
bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am
honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength
he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up
the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as
a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one
deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall
see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of
the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

PSALM 40:1-12



- 1 ***I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.***
- 2 ***He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.***
- 3 ***He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.***
- 4 ***Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.***

- 5 *Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.*
- 6 *Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.*
- 7 *In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);*
- 8 *Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.*
- 9 *In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"*
- 10 *I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.*
- 11 *Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.*
- 12 *You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,*

SECOND LESSON *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

A reading from the Apostle Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus

Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN *(please stand)* *What wondrous love is this*

Hymnal 439

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:29-42*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON *(please be seated)*

NICENE CREED *(please stand)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION *(the people may kneel)*

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please be seated)*

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS *(please stand)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(please be seated)* *Creator of the Stars of Night*

RESPONSE *(please stand)* *Earth has many a noble city (verse 3)* Hymnal 127

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(the people may stand or kneel)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Hymnal S-128

LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM *Come, risen Lord, (verse 1)* Hymnal 306

COMMUNION HYMN *We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting* Hymnal 51

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING *(the people may stand or kneel)* BCP 365

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand)* *Christ is the world's true light* Hymnal 542

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Calendar

Sunday Jan 22	9:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm, Vestry Meeting (old and new members)
Sunday Jan 29	9:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, Morning Prayer

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.
- ✝ Thank you to Cathy Skinner for hosting a very successful Twelfth Night Party to support Blessings in a Backpack, and thank you to our donors who helped us come very close to our goal of \$1,280.00. We will still collect monies throughout January. Remember to make checks out to **“Blessings in a Backpack”** and not Church of the Advent. Donations may be left in the collection plate or given to Joe Jernigan.
- ✝ Next Sunday there will be a vestry meeting and supper for all vestry members (incoming and outgoing) at 6:00 pm in the parish hall.
- ✝ The new 2023 Parish Directory has been completed. If you haven't gotten your copy yet, they are in the narthex.