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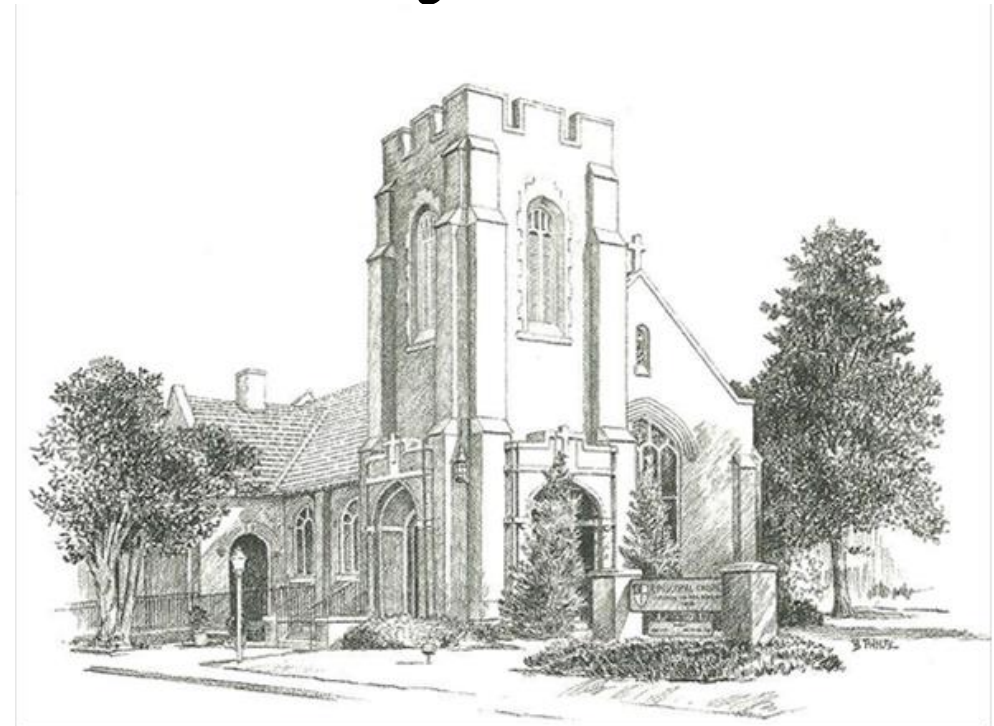
Lucia Peel ..... Senior Warden  
 Doug Chesson ..... Junior Warden/Buildings & Grounds  
 Ginny Webb..... Clerk  
 Lowell Taylor.....Treasurer  
 Lori Taylor..... Altar Guild  
 Bill Webb..... Acolytes  
 Joe Jernigan..... Ushers  
 Lucia Peel ..... Episcopal Church Women/Parish Life  
 Kit Reddick..... Outreach

<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
Lucia Peel	Michael Biondi	Jim Allen
Lowell Taylor	Doug Chesson	Frankie Biggs
Chloe Tuttle	Cathy Skinner	Kit Reddick

**Worship Assistants**

	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>
<b>Service Leader</b>		Kit Reddick
<b>Acolyte</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Michael Biondi	Jane Jernigan
<b>Intercessor</b>	Lucia Peel	Bill Webb
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Doug Chesson	
<b>Usher</b>	Don Beach	Don Beach
<b>Usher</b>	Lowell Taylor	Lowell Taylor

# Church of the Advent



*Established 1850*

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

## The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II

January 22, 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) Thy strong word did cleave Hymnal 381

## 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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our  
Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good  
News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may  
perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON (please be seated) Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time  
he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but  
in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond  
the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1, 5-13



1 **The Lord is my light and my salvation;**

**whom then shall I fear? \***

**the Lord is the strength of my life;**

**of whom then shall I be afraid?**

5 **One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \***

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

6 **To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \***

**and to seek him in his temple.**

7 **For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \***

**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling**

**and set me high upon a rock.**

8 **Even now he lifts up my head \***

**above my enemies round about me.**

9 **Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation**

**with sounds of great gladness; \***

**I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

10 *Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.*

11 *You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.*

12 *Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.*

13 *You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.*

**SECOND LESSON** *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

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

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL HYMN** *(please stand)*    *They cast their nets in Galilee*

Hymnal 661

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 4:12-23*

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** *(please be seated)*

**NICENE CREED** *(please stand)*

BCP 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Form III*

BCP 387

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

BCP 360

**THE PEACE** *(please stand)*

BCP 360

*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)* *Saw you never, in the twilight*

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** *I come with joy to meet my Lord* Hymnal 304

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

**PROCESSION HYMN** *(please stand)* *Spread, o spread, thou mighty word* Hymnal 530

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**Calendar**

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Sunday Jan 22 6:00 pm, Vestry Meeting (old and new members)

Sunday Jan 29 9:30 am, Choir Practice  
11:00 am, Morning Prayer

Sunday Feb 5 9:30 am, Choir Practice  
11:00 am, Holy Eucharist

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**Announcements**

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- ✚ 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.
- ✚ Today 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.