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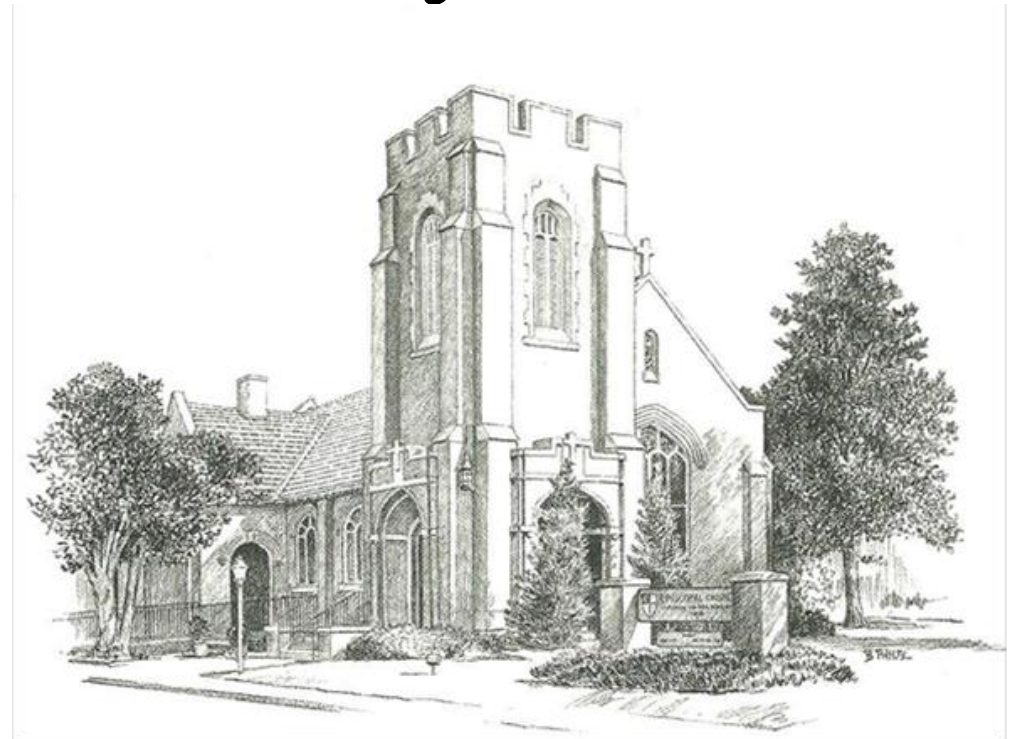
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u>
MP Leader	Bill Webb	
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Lector	Ginny Webb	Valerie Cooke
Intercessor		Cathy Cohen
Eucharistic Minister		Chloe Tuttle
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Usher	Janice Greene	Janice Greene

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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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Morning Prayer: Rite II

February 12, 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*) *If thou but trust in God to guide thee* Hymnal 635

OPENING SENTENCES BCP 78

GENERAL CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION (*kneel*) BCP 79

INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*stand*)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7* BCP 82

PSALM (*sit*) 119:1-8 *Spoken*

1 ***Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!***

2 ***Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!***

3 ***Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.***

4 ***You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.***

5 ***Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!***

6 ***Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.***

7 ***I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.***

8 ***I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

The Lessons

FIRST LESSON *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

SONG OF PRAISE (*stand*) *Canticle 13*

BCP 90

SECOND LESSON (*sit*) *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

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

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to

human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in excelsis

BCP 94

THIRD LESSON (*sit*) *Matthew 5:21-37*

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for

you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*stand*)

BCP 96

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*sit*)

OFFERTORY (*please stand*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*please be seated*) *The Servant Song*

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

Hymnal 127

THE PRAYERS (*kneel*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP 97

SUFFRAGES A

BCP 97

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

BCP 98-100

PETITIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Prayer Notebook

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

CLOSING HYMN (*stand*) *God of grace and god of glory*

Hymnal 594

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Judge Elbert S. (Junie) Peel by Lucia Claire Peel.*

Calendar

Sunday Feb 19	9:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist
Tuesday Feb 21	5:00 – 7:00 pm, Spaghetti Supper in the Parish Hall
Wednesday Feb 22	6:00 pm, Ash Wednesday/Holy Eucharist
Sunday Feb 26	9:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist

Announcements

- ✚ **Altar Guild News:** I am pleased to announce that all of the altar brass is now lacquered. This means **NO MORE POLISHING**. It should last 5-8 years if we are vigilant about wearing gloves each time the pieces are handled. This includes the Eucharistic Ministers and acolytes who handle the large alms basin. Gloves will be provided in the sacristy. Thank you to John Price who organized this project and to Johnny Miller for the gloves. ~ *Lori Taylor*

- ✚ The new 2023 Parish Directory has been completed. If you haven't gotten your copy yet, they are in the narthex.

- ✚ Tuesday February 21 from 5:00 through 7:00 pm there will be a spaghetti supper in the parish hall (eat in or take out) benefitting the organ restoration. Tickets are \$7.00 and will need to be purchased in advance. For tickets see Brandon, Joe or a member of the choir.

- ✚ We have updated the prayer list. Please enter your prayers and petitions in the prayer notebook located in the narthex.

- ✚ The Williamston Rotary Club has purchased a personalized book "*I Like Me*" for every Martin County kindergarten student. The Rotary Club will present the books to the students on Tuesday, February 28 at the Martin County Schools Innovation Campus. Volunteers are needed to present and read the books to the children. It is hoped that enough volunteers will be available for a one to one reading. The following are the time slots: 8:15 to 9:15, 9:30 to 10:30, 10:45 to 11:45, 12:00 to 1:00 and 1:15 to 2:15. Volunteers can sign up for the full day, half-day, or just one hour. Volunteers can email Chase Connor at cnchase@gmail.com or text or call 252-217-9230.