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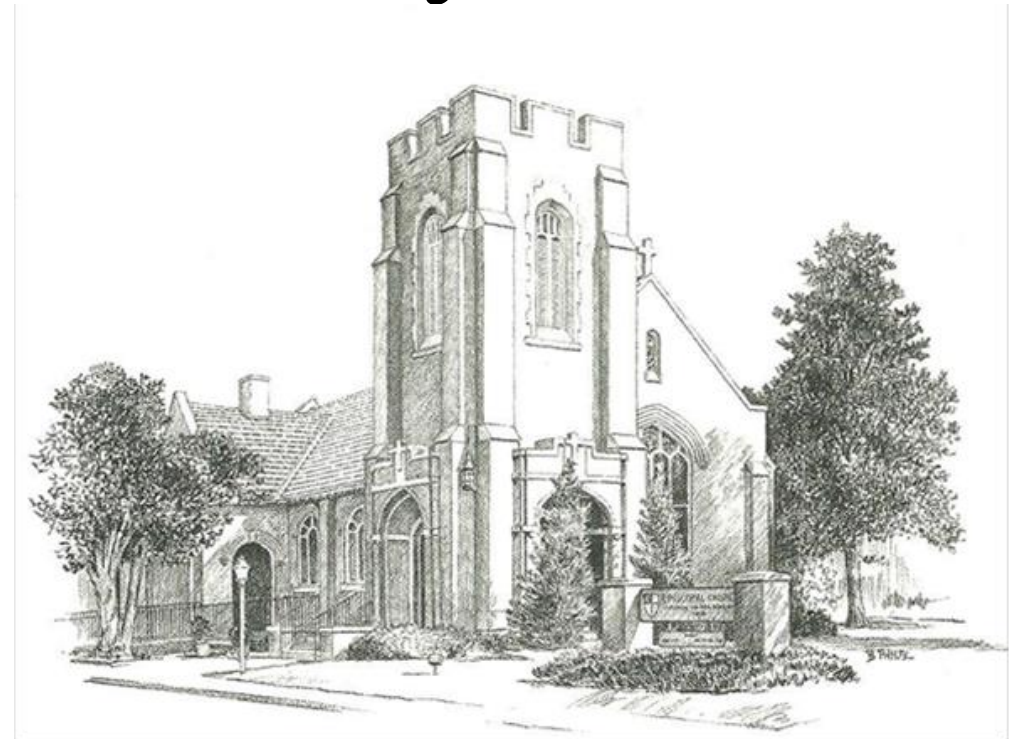
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Service Leader		
Acolyte		
Lector	Valerie Cooke	Chuck Cohen
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Eucharistic Minister	Chloe Tuttle	Don Beach
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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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 19, 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) O wondrous type! O vision fair Hymnal 137

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.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON (please be seated) Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of

God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-10



- 1 **Why are the nations in an uproar? ***
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,**
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 **"Let us break their yoke," they say; ***
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 **He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; ***
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 **Then he speaks to them in his wrath, ***
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 **"I myself have set my king ***
upon my holy hill of Zion."

- 7 *Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.*
- 8 *Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.*
- 9 *You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."*
- 10 *And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.*
- 11 *Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;*
- 12 *Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.*
- 13 *Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!*

SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from the Second Epistle of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN (*please stand*) *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart* Hymnal 488

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1-9*

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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*) *Jesus Take Us to the Mountain*

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

Hymnal 127

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING <i>(the people may stand or kneel)</i>	
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A	BCP 361
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	Hymnal S-128
LORD'S PRAYER	BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM	
<i>Come, risen Lord, (verse 1)</i>	Hymnal 306
COMMUNION HYMN	
<i>I love to tell the story</i>	LEVAS 64
POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING <i>(the people may stand or kneel)</i>	BCP 365
PROCESSION HYMN <i>(please stand) Songs of thankfulness and praise</i>	Hymnal 135
DISMISSAL	
<i>Celebrant</i> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People</i> Thanks be to God.	

POSTLUDE

Calendar

Wednesday Feb 22	6:00 pm, Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday Feb 26	9:30 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Discussion Group 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist
Sunday March 5	9:30 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Discussion Group 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon, Vestry Meeting
Wednesday March 8	6:00 pm, Evening Service
Sunday March 12	9:30 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Discussion Group 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
- ✝ “What’s in a name?” Please join fellow parishioners journeying together to explore the meaning of biblical names. Connie will lead the discussions on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the parlor. All are invited to attend any or all of the discussions scheduled for February 26, March 5 and March 12.
- ✝ The new 2023 Parish Directory has been completed. If you haven’t gotten your copy yet, they are 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, 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.