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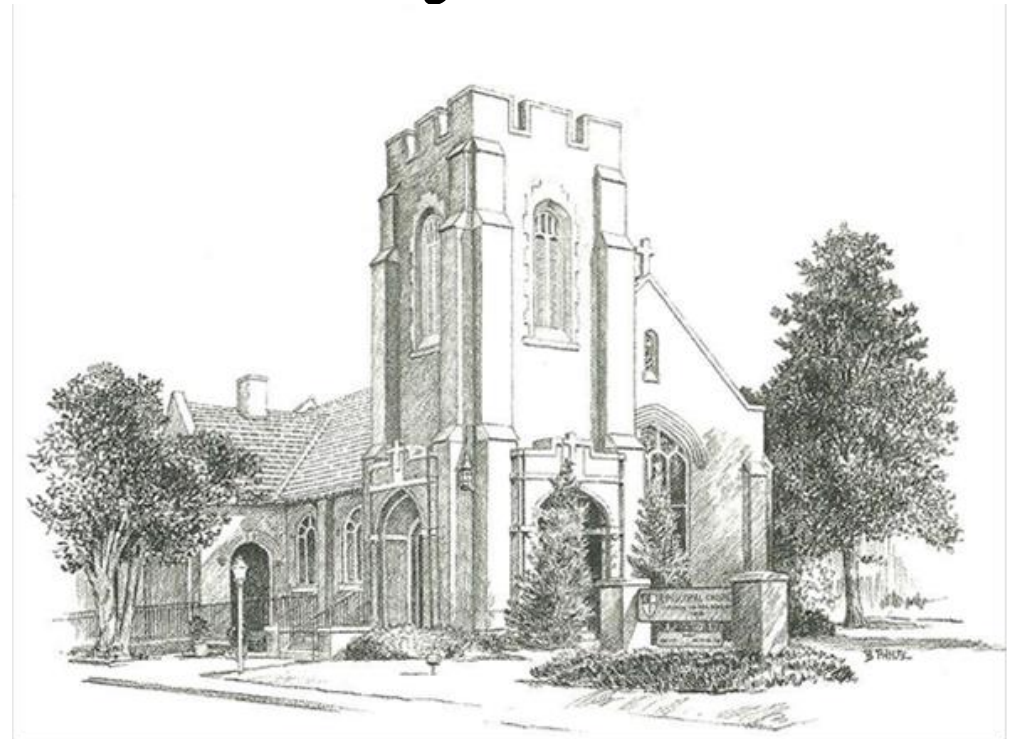
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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**Worship Assistants**

	<u>February 26</u>	<u>March 5</u>
<b>Service Leader</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Chuck Cohen	Michael Biondi
<b>Intercessor</b>		Cathy Cohen
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<b>Usher</b>	Janice Greene	Ellen Miller

# 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 First Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 26, 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.*

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*The people stand as the procession enters in silence.*

**THE GREAT LITANY** (please kneel)

BCP 148

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** (please be seated) *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

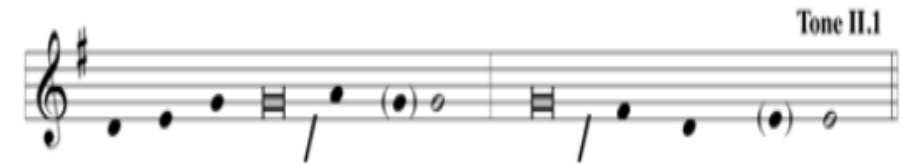
A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM 32



- 1 **Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 **While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 **Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.**
- 6 **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- 8 **You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.**
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 **Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**SECOND LESSON** *Romans 5:12-19*

A reading from the Apostle Paul’s Epistle to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN** *(please stand)* *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* Hymnal 448

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 4:1-11*

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will

fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

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

BCP 358

**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, so lowly*

**RESPONSE** *(please stand)*

*All things are thine*

1940 Hymnal

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

BCP 361

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*The Sewanee Service, Rite II  
Malcolm Archer*

Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 hea ven and earth are full of your glo ry, Ho san na in the high est.  
 Bles sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the  
 Lord. Ho san na in the high est, ho san na in the high est.

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Archer Agnus Dei*  
**Lamb of God**

*The Sewanee Service, Rite II*  
Malcolm Archer

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have  
mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you  
take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon  
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world; grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

*It is well with my soul*

LEVAS 188

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

BCP 365

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand)* *The glory of these forty days*

Hymnal 143

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

*Calendar*

Sunday March 5 9:30 am, Choir Practice  
10:00 am, Discussion Group  
11:00 am, Holy Eucharist  
12:00 noon, Vestry Meeting  
6:00 pm, Lenten recital followed by Choral Evening Prayer

Wednesday March 8 6:00 pm, Evening Service

Sunday March 12 **Daylight Savings Time**  
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 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](mailto:cnchase@gmail.com) or text or call 252-217-9230.