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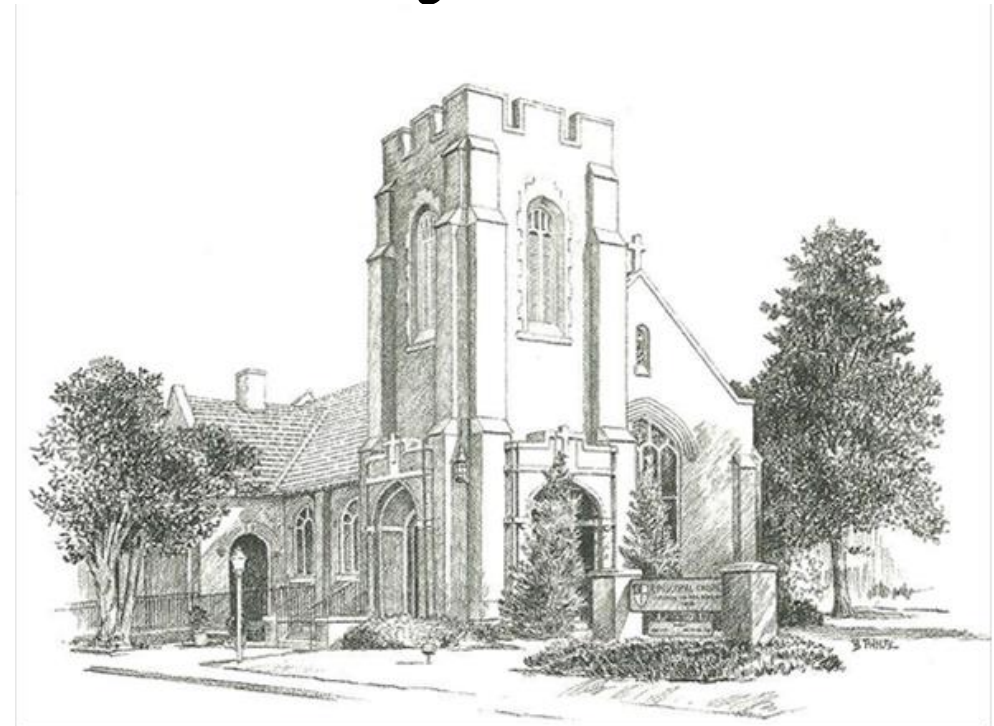
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>
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Established 1850

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

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II

February 5, 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.
Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us
the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known
to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST LESSON *(please be seated)* *Isaiah 58:1-9a*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 112:1-10



- 1 *Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!*
- 2 *Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*
- 3 *Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.*
- 4 *Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.*
- 5 *It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.*
- 6 *For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.*
- 7 *They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.*
- 8 *Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.*
- 9 *They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.*
- 10 *The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.*

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN (*please stand*) *Here I am, Lord*

Insert

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:13-20*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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*) *God be in my head*

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

This little light of mine

LEVAS 221

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

BCP 365

PROCESSION HYMN (*please stand*) *In Christ there is no east nor west*

Hymnal 529

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve 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
RC “Tim” Malone by his family.*