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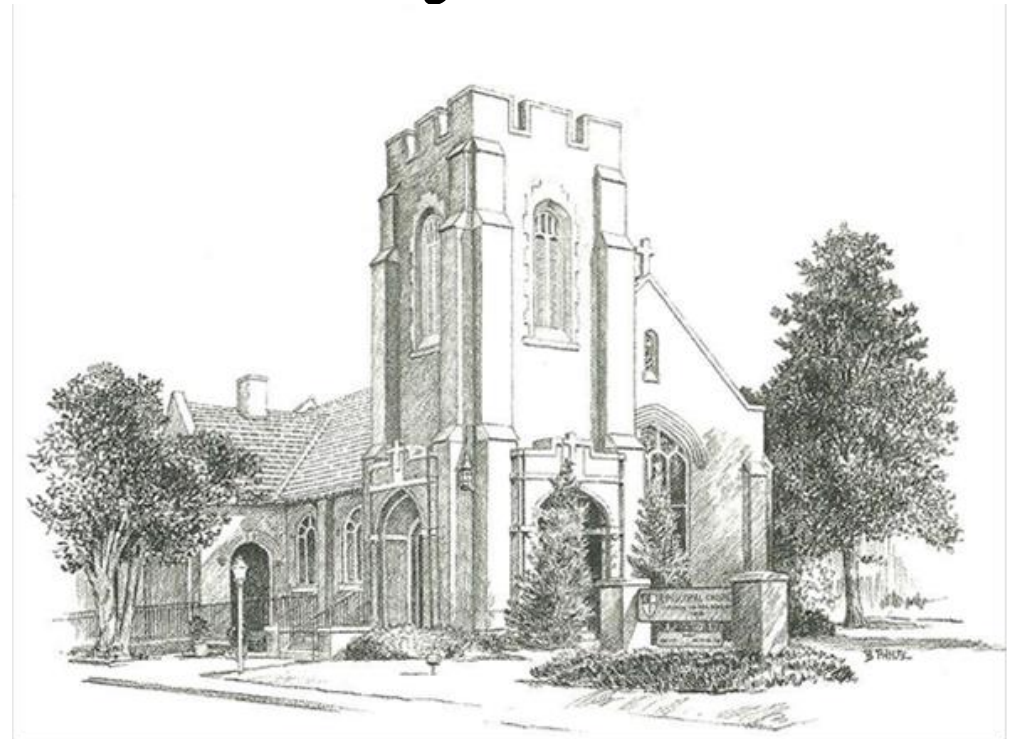
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 14</u>
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Intercessor	Cathy Cohen	John Price
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Church 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 7, 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.***

BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE *Prelude on Rhosymedre*

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand) Father, we praise the, now the night is over* Hymnal 1

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. BCP 355

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST LESSON *(please be seated) Acts 7:55-60*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus,

receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

1 ***In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.***

2 ***Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.***

3 ***Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.***

4 ***Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.***

5 ***Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.***

15 ***My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.***

16 ***Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me.***

SECOND LESSON *1 Peter 2:2-10*

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who

believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN (*please stand*) *We the Lord’s people,*

Hymnal 51

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1-14*

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name,

so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

VIDEO PRESENTATION (*please be seated*)

NICENE CREED (*please stand*)

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III*

BCP 387

BLESSING OF HAZEL ROSE EANES (*please be seated*)

Celebrant Hazel Rose, Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you, within you to keep you, before you to lead you, beside you to guard you, and above you to bless you. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed Ashley and Jacob with the joy and care of Hazel: Give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they bring her up, that they may teach her to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Grant that Aaron, Mark and Brittany may find their faith deepened and their ministry strengthened as they share in the nurture and care of Hazel. **Amen.**

Watch over your child, O Lord, as her days increase: bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her up if she fall; and in her heart may your peace, which passes understanding abide all the days of her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace now and forever. **Amen.**

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)* *Our father by whose aid*

RESPONSE *(please stand)* *Alleluia, Alleluia, (verse 4)* Hymnal 178

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP 367

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Hymnal S-128

LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM *For the bread which you have broken (verse 1)* Hymnal 341

COMMUNION HYMN *Taste and See* LEVAS 154

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

PROCESSION HYMN *(please stand)* *The Church's one foundation* Hymnal 525

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall following the service to celebrate the blessing of Hazel Rose Eanes, daughter of Jacob and Ashley Eanes, granddaughter of Theresa Curley and great-granddaughter of Chuck and Cathy Cohen.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles H. Godwin Jr. by Don and Katie Mills.

Calendar

Thursday May 11	6:00 pm, Prayer Vigil for Lucia Peel
Sunday May 14	9:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, Morning Prayer
Monday May 15	5:30 pm, Vestry Meeting
Sunday May 21	11:00 am, Holy Eucharist II @ Green Acres Campground 12:00 noon, Covered Dish Picnic in the Clubhouse

Announcements

- ✝ For a while *Comings and Goings* will be coming from the church and not from Lucia. As we don't have the same email list, some of you may no longer be getting *Comings and Goings*. If you or someone you know aren't, let Joe know.
- ✝ The Sunday morning service on May 21 will move to the outdoor Amphitheater at the Green Acres Campground as part of the worship schedule for the campers. The service begins at 11:00 a. m. In case of rain, the service will move indoors to the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is the place for a potluck picnic at noon. Picnickers need to be sure to bring utensils for their dishes as there is no kitchen in the Clubhouse. Tea, paperware and eating utensils are provided by Green Acres. Bob and Janice Greene extend a cordial and open invitation to the parish family to spend the afternoon enjoying the various activities offered by the campground. Parishioners need to be sure to identify themselves as members of the Church of the Advent to the staff when using the facilities.
- ✝ This month's vestry meeting will be held on Monday May 15 at 5:30 pm.
- ✝ We will not be having our usual Wednesday Evening Service this month. We will break for the summer and start back in September.
- ✝ **A Prayer Vigil for Lucia:** Our hearts ache that our dear Lucia is suffering with cancer and we cannot ease her pain. She is beloved by her family, many friends, the communities to which she has given so much and our parish where she has been at the heart of our life together. There will be a prayer vigil at the Church of the Advent on **Thursday, May 11, 6:00 -7:00**. People may come and go as they need to. We hope that by coming together that evening to pray for Lucia she will be comforted knowing of the love from which our prayers flow and we will find comfort in the fellowship of community holding her up to God's tender care. Please join us and spread the word to others.
- ✝ We have updated the prayer list. Please enter your prayers and petitions in the prayer notebook located in the narthex.
- ✝ Only a couple of rooms left for the Parish Family Weekend at Trinity Center. The date this year is June 23-25.