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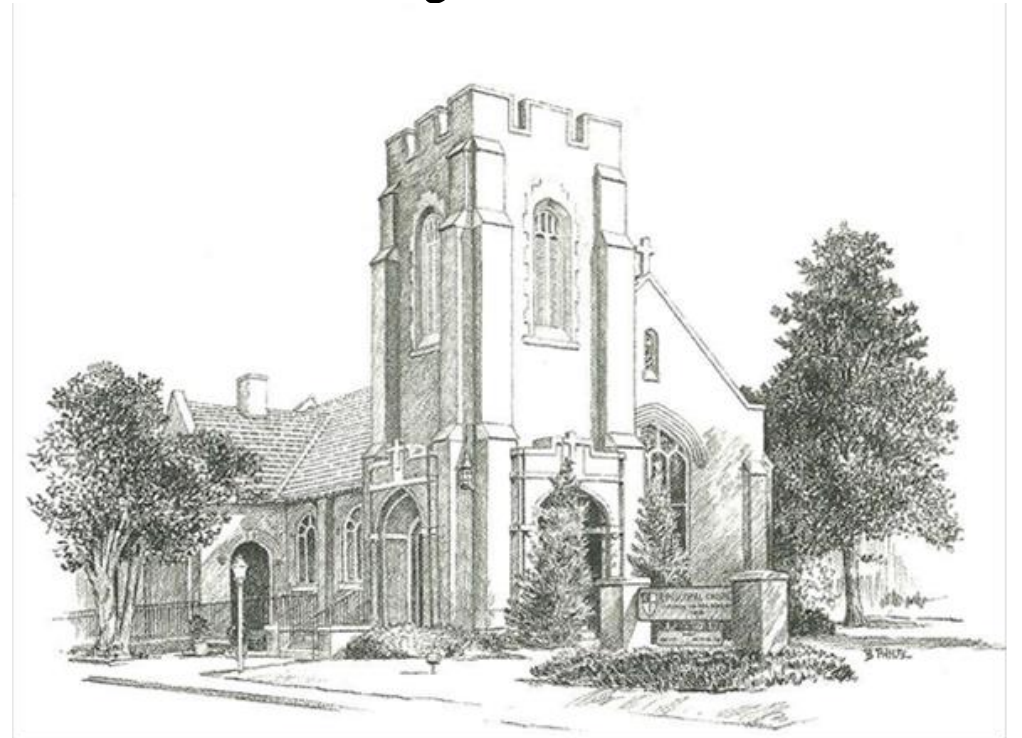
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<u>2021-2023</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2023-2025</u>
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Worship Assistants

	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>
Service Leader		Jane Jernigan
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Intercessor	Kit Reddick	
Eucharistic Minister	TBD	
Usher	Joe Jernigan	Joe Jernigan
Usher	Jim Allen	Jim Allen

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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 Pentecost Holy Eucharist: Rite II

July 2, 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)* *God of our fathers,* Hymnal 718

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 *God bless our native land* Hymnal 716

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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)* *Genesis 22:1-14*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the

morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 13

- 1 ***How long, O Lord?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?***
- 2 ***How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?***

- 3 *Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;*
- 4 *Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.*
- 5 *But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.*
- 6 *I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.*

SECOND LESSON *Romans 6:12-23*

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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN *(please stand)* *Where cross the crowded ways of life* Hymnal 609

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:40-42*

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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 VI* BCP 392

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)*

RESPONSE *(please stand)* *Praise God from whom all blessings flow (verse 3)* Hymnal 380

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

BCP 367
Hymnal S-124

LORD'S PRAYER		BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM	<i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-154
COMMUNION HYMN		
POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING	<i>(the people may stand or kneel)</i>	BCP 365
PROCESSION HYMN	<i>(please stand) Eternal Father, strong to save</i>	Hymnal 608
DISMISSAL		
<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>	

Calendar

Sunday July 9	11:00 am, Morning Prayer
Sunday July 16	11:00 am, Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon, Vestry Meeting

Announcements

- ✚ Later in the summer, we will need to do some changes to the altar guild and usher schedules. If you would like to serve on either (or serve as lector, Eucharistic minister, intercessor, etc. etc...) let Joe, Lori or Brandon know. Also let us know if you are already serving and would like to add another month, change your month or, just as importantly, don't want to change your month. We plan to have the changes made and in place beginning in September.

- ✚ **News from Chloe and Brandon:** In the last 28 days our Facebook page has 640 followers, the Reach is 2.9K (up 2K%) Engagement is 1.5K plus 68%. We have had some great interest in the past weeks. We would love to have folks follow us and comment on our posts. <https://www.facebook.com/adventinwilliamston>. Next step – updating our website!