Mobile, Alabama

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. *For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to* The Hymnal 1982. *Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the* New Revised Standard Version *of the* Bible. *Unless requested, applause isn't necessary; please give quiet thanks to God for the elements of worship that are meaningful for you.*

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We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the alms basin so that we can knowyou better. A nursery is available. A gentle reminder: please turn off all electronic devices before the service.
Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher.

Prelude

What Is This Lovely Fragrance — Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Children's Chapel *(Ages 4 to Grade 3) Children will gather at the wreath and join the procession behind their crucifer. They will return at the time of the Peace.*

Processional Hymn

Helmsley

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending — Hymnal 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.**

Trisagion

Hymnal S-102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.
Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.
Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 211

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

First Reading: ***Isaiah 64:1-9***

Reader: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18 *Qui regis Israel* *Please read responsively by whole verse.*

BCP 702

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 **O Lord God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, ***
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so we will never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Llangloffan*

Rejoice! rejoice, believers vv. 1, 2 Hymnal 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

The Holy Gospel: *Mark 13:24-37*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn *Llangloffan*

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers v. 3 Hymnal 68

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The leader and people pray responsively.

Presider: Faithful God, stir up your strength and come to help us as we look for the revealing of our Savior Jesus Christ; hear our prayers and strengthen us to the end as we pray: Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Intercessor: We give thanks to you, our Loving God, for the grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus: Enrich your Church in speech and knowledge of every kind that she may not be lacking in any spiritual gift and may be awake, alert and blameless.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Make your name known so that the nations might tremble at your presence: Gather the elect from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven, and let everyone know that humanity is the work of your hand and we are the sheep of your flock.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Come among us with great power and glory; shine forth and give to all the earth the light of your presence.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Be near to this community, at our very gates and within our hearts, and do not hide your face from us, that we may know your glory in the evening and at midnight and at cockcrow and at dawn, and not be found asleep at the day of your coming.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Compassionate One, open the heavens and come down with your healing grace for those for whom we pray. We give thanks for the grace and peace that come from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, offering our special gratitude. Let your angels gather your beloved into the day of your triumph as we remember those who have died.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Presider: No one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, for you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand: Shine forth upon your creation, stir up your strength, and come to help us, as we put our trust in you, our Loving God, through our Savior Jesus Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Annual Giving 2027: God's Plenty

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Philip R. Dietterich (b. 1931)

Carol of the Advent

Cathedral Choir

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen, He for fledging time has chosen.
People, look East and sing today: Love, the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming
People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

At the Presentation

Old 100th vs. 3 — Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

America vs. 4 — Hymnal 717

**Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land
be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A — BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at Communion

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

O Come, O Come Immanuel

Cathedral Choir

O Come, O come Immanuel, come now to earth and with Thy people dwell,
The world awaits from heaven a holy sign, O come and show to us the light divine.

O come, O come, Immanuel, As age to age the prophets did foretell: Redeemer,
come to save us one and all, be born again in Bethlehem's manger stall.

For Thy coming we prepare, wisdom from on high,
Gracious spirit, Lord most fair: to us draw nigh.

O Come, O come Immanuel, and free Thy children, Israel, Be now
our hope, our comfort from above, and bless us all with everlasting love.

Hymn

St. Stephen

The King shall come when morning dawns

Hymnal 73

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymnal 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543 (1685-1750)

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Please join us after the service for a time of hospitality in the servery.

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Cathedral Prayers

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Pray For:

Members:

Patti Biel, Valrie Vanek, Lynn Betbeze Yankie, George Seymour, Patsy Seymour, Lisa Williams, Linda Dann-LeBlanc, Bill Butler, Betty Reniewicz, Emily-Marie Butler, Ray Adams, Judy Henson, Leighton DuBose, Joan Rockstad, Chuck McKay

Friends & Family:

The Reverend Dennis Brown, The Reverend Mike Schwarte, Mary Rose Snider, George & Mary Ester Hall Bollis, Elizabeth Berry, Karla Geiger, Lloyd Shearer Smith, Kathy Thurber, David Barnett, John Baylor, Sr., Erma Clark, Dorothy Queenan, Kelly Clark, Lanier Faircloth, Vivian "Cookie" Rich, Hunter Hale, James Bloodworth, Dennis Knizley, Malcolm Warren, Bennett Stenger, Molly Nordmann, Maxine Dodson, Jim Cummings, Emily Duhe, James Wilkerson, Fred Bennett, Lowie Rice, Lainey Owens, Katherine Metts, Beau Metts, Charles Carlisle, Kim Billings, the Delaney family, Sugar Immel, Sharon McDonough, Ronnie Johnson, Cora Jacobs, Carlos Rezkalah, Paul Hawkins, Nancy Brock, Alexander P. Ogburn, Jr., Georgia Dominick

For Those Serving in the Military:

Marlin Brutkiewicz, Blake Hickey, Gray Stephens, Dylan Butler, Tripp Bennett, Jacob Hester-Heard, Cameron Morrisette, Dylan Thompson, Connor Roy, Charles Lewis, Jr., Richard Graham, Miriam King

Repose of the Soul:

Nedra Greer Stimpson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Anglican Province of Hong Kong

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

Episcopal Church of the Advent, Lillian

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church in East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines; and Ashland Place United Methodist Church, Mobile.

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Bay County Jail, Panama City

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The Cathedral Chapter 2026

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God's Plenty: Annual Giving 2027

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And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8*

This promise of abundance and welcome lies at the heart of our stewardship, in which we acknowledge God's gracious gifts of plenty to us. All through the year, we hear God's Word calling us to share our resources and nurture our relationships. It will soon be time for your response. Stewardship is our faithful reply to God's generosity. Make your faithful reply by becoming a pledging member of the Cathedral Family in 2027.

Our stewardship campaign this year invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times we are called to trust that there is enough: enough for our families, enough for our church, enough for our neighbors. As you pray about the resources God has placed in your care, please consider how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead.

Our Leadership

We give thanks for Francie and John Ruzic, our campaign chairs, who shared their love of Christ Church and what motivates them to give of their time, talents, and treasure. If you missed their talk in church, it is posted in the weekly emails and on the annual giving page of our website.

Annual Parish Meeting, Stewardship Ingathering, and Return-to-the-Church Celebration Sunday, December 6

Sunday, December 6, will be an eventful day, as it will be our official return to the church following five months of exile in the Chapter House during termite and water damage repairs. That will also be the day of our annual parish meeting for the purpose of vestry and convention delegate elections. And, most significantly, this will be our day of celebration with fried oysters and libations. *All of you* will want to be present. And we very much want to see you there!

We give thanks for those nominated for the Vestry Class of 2029:

Sydney Dann Betbeze	Jubal Lee Hamil
Teresa (Terri) Davis Gaal	George Bullock Inge
William (Will) Jordan Gamble	Stacy Elizabeth Wellborn

Short bios of each of the nominees can be found on the weekly email.

And we give thanks for those nominated to serve as delegates to the 2027 Diocesan Convention

Jill Showers Chow (2027)	Carolyn S. Jeffers (2028)
Harwell E. Coale, Jr. (2029)	Henry R. Seawell IV (2032)
Jubal L. Hamil (2030)	Weathers P. Bolt *(alternate)*

Cathedral Notes

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Advent at the Cathedral

We invite you to take the time to celebrate Advent. To help you celebrate this season, we are sharing some resources. Advent materials are on a table in the Chapter House. More information was on the "Advent at the Cathedral" email we sent this week. Advent bags for our children are being distributed during Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

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Children's Christmas Pageant

Save the date for Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals are taking place each Sunday through Sunday, December 6. A final rehearsal after worship in the church will take place on Sunday, December 6. All children who do not have speaking parts may choose to be angels, or barnyard animals. Please let Sabrina Evans know if your child would like to participate.

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Loaves and Fish

Sunday, November 29 and Monday, December 7

Our weekly Loaves and Fish ministry is reaching holiday break times, but we will make lunches for the next two weeks on Sunday, November 29, and on Monday, December 7. Both Bishop State and Victim Services will be on break for Christmas so we will not make lunches again after that until January 10. Thank you to Cheryl Winters-Heard who has stepped in to help organize the ministry and thank you to everyone who has helped us feed our neighbors.

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Christmas Outreach: How Can You Help?

Gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 20

This year the Cathedral family will support The Clothesline, a ministry of our diocese, and we also have two projects for our younger members. Everyone is invited to join in all of these. Here is a quick list. For all the details, please check our weekly email. At the Clothesline ministry there is a need for both men's and women's coats in any size or color. There is also a great need for men's socks and boxer underwear, and for new toiletries. Deacon Terri Goff asks that you clean out your closets and donate clean, gently used clothing items for men and women. If you would prefer to make a donation, you may contribute to Christ Church Cathedral-Christmas Outreach, and we will make a group donation to The Clothesline for them to use to purchase needed items. In the projects for our children, we are collecting new, unwrapped items: coloring books with crayons, children's books, and stuffed animals for Victim Services. For the Child Advocacy Center we are collecting new, unwrapped boy's clothing for all ages: underwear and tee-shirts, pants, socks, shoes. And remembering those who help others, we are collecting gift cards in any denomination from: Jimmy Johns, Chick-Fil-A, McDonald's, Chicken Salad Chick, for staff workers at Victim Services and the Child Advocacy Center. Look for collection boxes in the Chapter House for your donations.

Birthdays

November 29
Carl Cunningham, Jr.
Payton Mallet

November 30
Deanie Skinner
Brenda Stanton

December 3
Richie Harris

December 4
Liz Ferguson
Linda Grill
Richard Gaal
Catherine Walker

December 5
Jessie Koger

December 6
David Broome
Carter Drane, Jr.

December 7
Jex Luce

December 8
Lucy Harrison
Shannon Reeves

December 11
Jamie Flotte

December 12
Will Bjorklund
Mindy Englemeier

December 13
Monique Jeffers
Bill Skinner

December 14
Alison Tyler

December 15
Perrin Drew
Lewis Golden
Sam McKay

December 16
Lisa Drew

December 17
John McElhaney

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Ministers for Today

Celebrant and Preacher ..... The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
Assisting ..... The Reverend Thomas K. Heard
Chalice Bearers ..... Jill Chow, Mark Weeks
Psalmist and Intercessor ..... Skip Archer
Lay Readers ..... Kennon Drew, Cheryl Winters-Heard
Organist ..... Josh Coble
Crucifer ..... Wilt Rendfrey
Ushers ..... Tony Brown, Carl Cunningham, Sr.
Open/Close ..... Bill Skinner
Flower Guild ..... Smitty Vanek
Altar Guild ..... Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Linda Grill, Ginny Behlen,
..... Leslie Ladd, Rosemarie McClure, Lucy Harrison, Bill Haffner
Hospitality ..... Liz Ferguson, Amy Burt, Natalie Coale, Gretchen Cooper,
..... Susan Garth, Ashley Mitchell, Lauren Ward

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