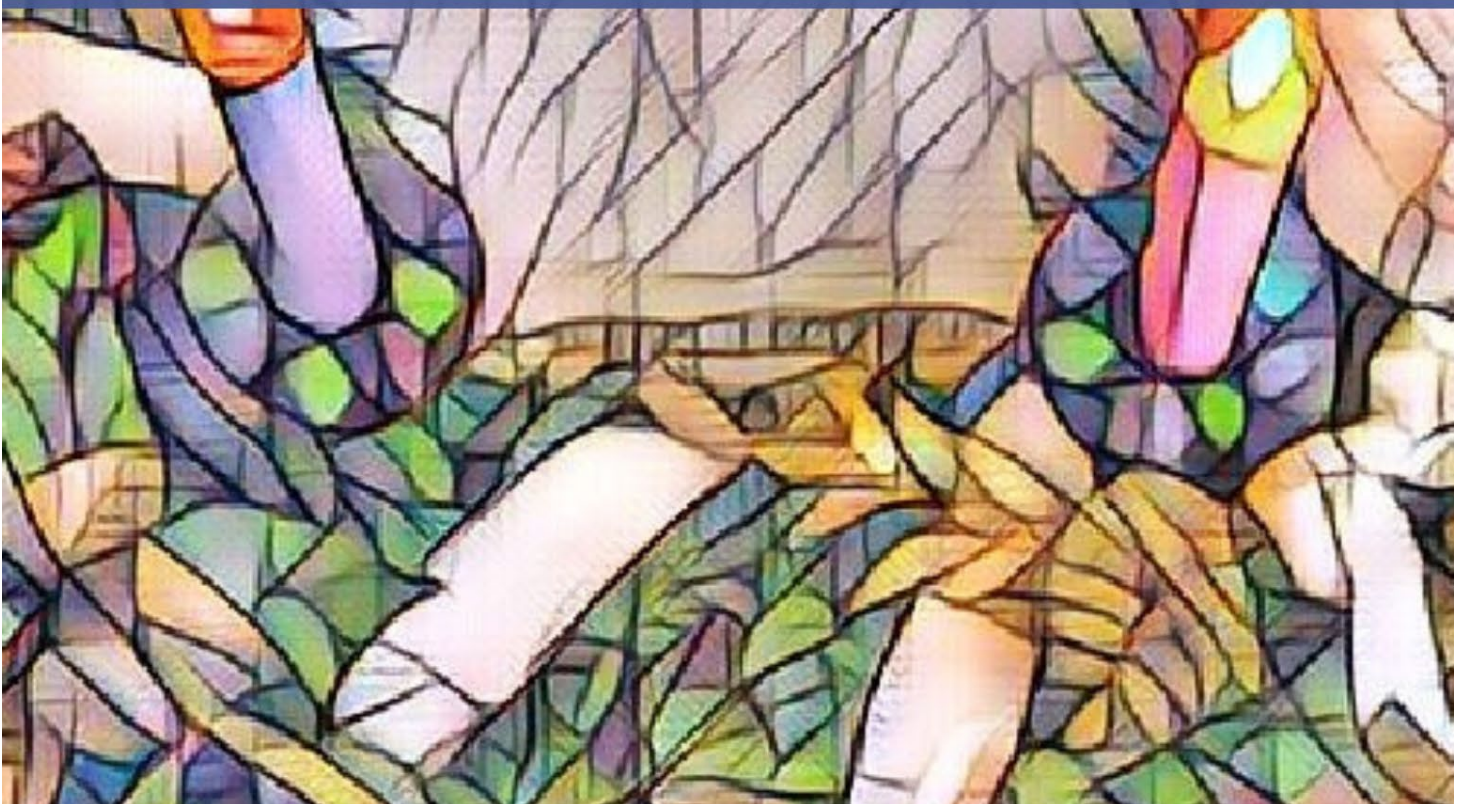
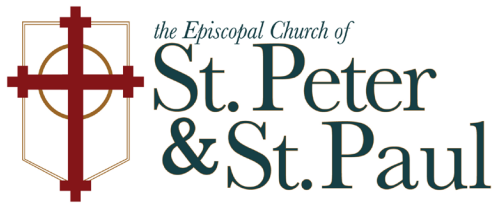




The Second Sunday of Advent

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Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 7, 2024 (5:30PM)

Sunday, December 8, 2024 (8:00 & 10:30AM)

Celebrant – The Rev. Thomas C. Pumphrey

Celebrant - The Rev. Nathan Webb (5:30PM)

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary
Hymn 68

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

David Lasky

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts.

People The light of God's hope has awakened our spirits.

Leader A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

People Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may greet the dawn of your salvation.

Leader Teach us deeper faithfulness, O Lord,

People And prepare us to welcome your arrival.

Celebrant Merciful Lord, guide us by the words of your prophets to true repentance so that our vision may be focused on the great gift that is to come: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Acclamation (*also on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

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.**

(5:30PM) Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

(8 AM & 10:30 AM)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 (*said responsively by half verse*) (*found in Luke 1: 68-79*)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,*
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn 65

Prepare the Way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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Children's Chapel *During the singing of the last stanza of the Sequence Hymn, children through second grade are invited to an adult-led worship specifically for children in the Creation Chapel. They will return in time to share the Peace and Holy Communion.*

Gospel **Luke 3:1-6**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon - The Rev. Nathan Webb

The Nicene Creed (also on page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer)

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, Form IV (*on page 388 in the Book of Common Prayer*) (*please kneel as you are able*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The priest adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

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.

The Absolution

The Exchange of the Peace of Jesus Christ

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

People: And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory *The congregation offers to God gifts of bread and wine, as well as gifts of money, and music.*

Offertory Anthem **A Little Child Shall Lead Them**

Daniel Burton

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

(Tune: *Old 100th*)

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.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B (page 367 in the Book of Common Prayer)

Priest: *People:*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

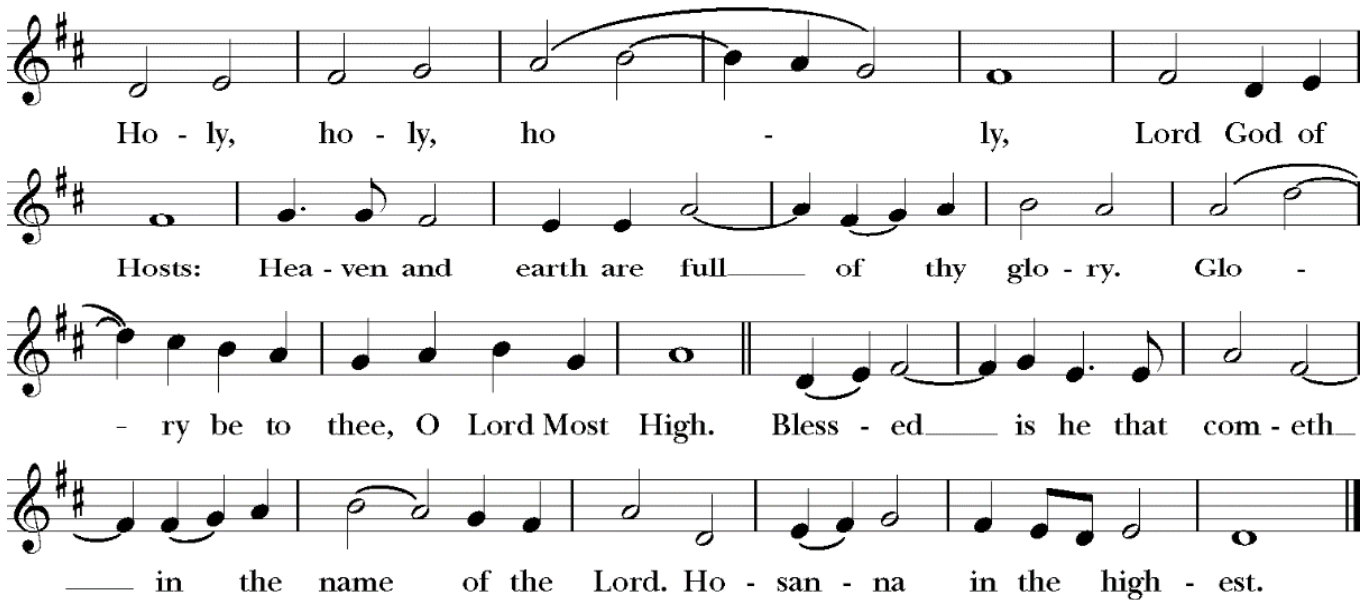
Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, Hymn S-114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

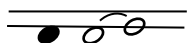
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

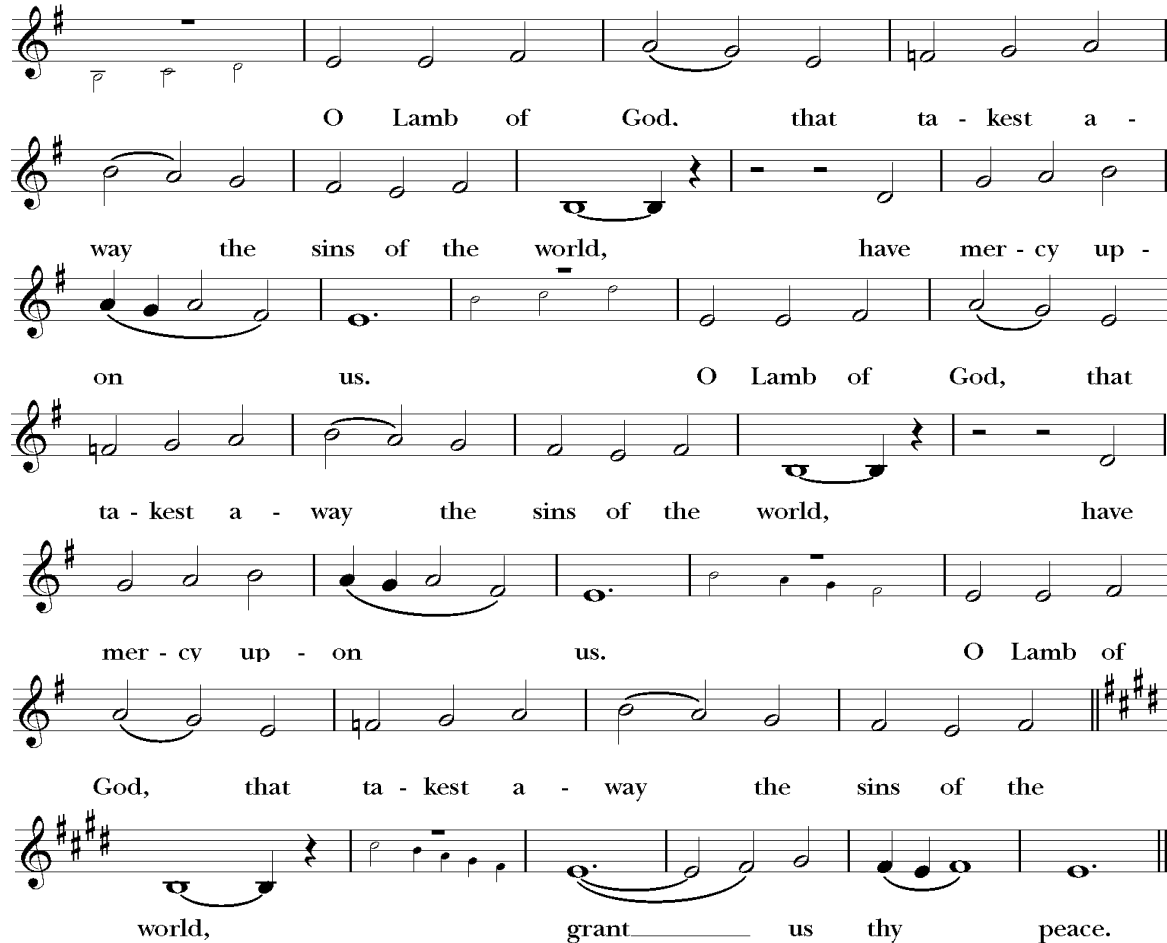


The people join in concluding: "A - MEN!"

The Lord's Prayer

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



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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The Communion

All are welcome at the table either to receive the blessing of the church if you are not baptized (please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest), or to share in communion with Christ and his church if you are a baptized Christian of any age or any denomination. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like prayer for yourself or others, come to the side altar where trained intercessors will pray for you.

Communion Music 69 What Is the Crying at Jordan

316 This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song

Eucharistic Visitor Blessing

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. Go with the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation to our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us in this place, bringing refreshment to those who are weary, and all for God's glory in the Communion of Saints. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer *(also in the Book of Common Prayer, page 366)*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 75

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Voluntary

Come Now, Savior of the Nations

Andreas Nikolaus Vetter

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



Events & Announcements for the First Week of Dec 8

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.

God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in:

Worship of God

Advent Lessons & Carols – Tonight, December 8th Seasonal Prelude @ 3:30PM, Service @ 4PM Bring your friends and family and join us for this contemplative Advent musical tradition! Through a program of nine lessons, choir anthems, and Advent congregational carols, this service offers a rich opportunity to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Please join us for a service of Remembrance and Healing - Wednesday, December 11, 11:30 AM - To prepare for Christmas, we will take time to remember loved ones who have died, celebrate and grieve together, and seek God's healing power. Feel free to bring a photo or memento of your loved one to share with stories at the reception following.

Flowers for our Christmas Services are made possible by your generous donations. Please use the button below to submit your donation in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Your dedications will be published in the Christmas worship bulletins.

Flower donations are \$25 and payable by credit card, cash or check. You may fill out our online form and pay by credit card, or fill out one of our manual forms located in each Narthex of the church. Please have your submissions in by December 16th to be included in the bulletin.

Family Christmas Caroling – December 15th, 4pm-6pm. Join Brandon and the youth Christmas Caroling at one of our local Marietta nursing homes. We will meet at the church.

Atlanta Boy Choir Concert Performance at St. Peter & St. Paul - The Atlanta Boy Choir will be putting on a special performance on December 15th, 2025 at our church at 7pm. This magical evening promises to delight audiences of all ages, creating unforgettable memories to carry into the new year. Tickets are available via donation <https://bit.ly/SPSPBOYCHOIR>.

Discipleship for All Ages

Youth Winter Retreat 2025 – Happy: Seeking Joy and Contentment in Christ – January 18–20 2024 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Cost: \$150 per student. For more information and to signup, go to www.peterandpaul.org/2025happy. Questions? Contact Brandon Dasinger at bdasinger@peterandpaul.org.

Serving Christ in the World

The MUST Giving Tree - Please help us to help MUST Ministries reach out to a needy child by donating items to one or more of this year's Gift Drives: Clothing, Toys, Blankets, and Family Games. The gifts collected here will help parents who may not otherwise be able to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Please return unwrapped gifts, with their tags, to the Tree no later than Sunday, December 15.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with transporting the unwrapped gifts to the MUST drop off donation center. Please contact Jan Copeland at jccopeland@comcast.net for more information.

Holy Comforter Christmas Party -Sunday, December 22nd from 12:00pm to 2:00pm – The Friendship Center at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter is a day program for those marginalized by mental health or poverty. Each year we join Holy Comforter in a Christmas celebration. On Sunday, December 22, following their 10:30 service, our own Back of the Bus band will provide music. Then we will share lunch at 12:45 while some of our volunteers will deck their parish hall in Christmas. After lunch, Santa will hand out bags of presents that are designed to meet their particular needs. We will conclude about 2PM. If you would like to volunteer as Mrs. Claus or help assemble giftbags in advance, please contact Tom Martin! ttmartinhome@gmail.com or 470-952-9987

Advent & Christmas

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The MUST Giving Tree

For needy families. Now through December 15th. Located in the Bell Tower

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with reception to follow

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Family Christmas Caroling

December 15, Meeting at the Church at 4PM

Atlanta Boy Choir Concert

December 15, 7PM

Christmas Eve Services at 3PM, 5PM, 9PM, & 11PM

Children's Nativity Presentation at 3PM

All Children 2 years and older are invited to participate – Nursery provided for pre-walkers

Light Incense at 11PM, Brandon Dasinger preaching

Christmas Day Worship Service

Wednesday at 10:30AM



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