



Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

Welcome to this morning's worship!

Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. We offer children's ministry time during worship as well as activity bags at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.

Prelude

We Gather Together

Geraldine DuMars

Come Ye Thankful People Come

Handbell Ensemble: Linda Cummer, Ann Herman, Shirley Keel,

Yvonne Michel, Carol Phillips, Marion Seaman

Opening Hymn *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 494

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.***

Gloria

Hymnal S-277

Hymns beginning with S are found in the Service music in the front pages of the Hymnal.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Children's Procession

Children in grades K–5 are invited to children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the classroom hall for Godly Play (K–2) and Kids of the Kingdom (3–5), returning for the announcements.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

The Word of God

The First Reading *(Please be seated.)*

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Psalm 46

*God is our refuge and strength, **
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

*Though its waters rage and foam, **
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, **
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

*The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; **
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, **
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

*“Be still, then, and know that I am God; **
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Gradual Hymn (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 438

The Holy Gospel (*standing*)

Luke 23:33–43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.*****Gradual Hymn***Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! (vv. 3–4)*

Hymnal 438

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Dr. Leon Spencer

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People (Form IV) (*standing or kneeling*)

BCP p. 388

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace**Announcements**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice, Be Glad, Give Praise

Dale Wood

*Rejoice, be glad, give praise! The Lord Almighty reigns!
Sing hallelujah! Join, O church, in joyful strains!*

*Refrain: Through Christ, we grow!
With vision clear and voices strong,
God's glory show.*

*A message we proclaim, a vision we hold true:
To trust in promises of God brings faith anew. (Refrain)*

*Inspire, O God, our dreams; new love in us instill;
Attune our hearts, set straight our path to do your will. (Refrain)*

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A *(standing or kneeling)*

BCP p. 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 God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.

Communion Hymns *(sung by all)*

All who hunger gather gladly

WLP 761



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

Hymnal 550

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Lift high the cross

Hymnal 473

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth, walking in love like Christ.

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

Postlude

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Leon Spencer as preacher today.

Acolytes: Sam Inman, Jonathan Spinks, Holden Troutman, Will Troutman. **Readers:** Dawn Martin, Tommy Webb. **Chalicians:** Stephen Inman, Anne Webb. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Tim Fleming, Mark Kaley, Charles Kelshaw, Linda Van Ormer, Mike Van Ormer. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Nancy Bishop, Jonathan Stephens. **Altar Guild:** Sherry Chappell, Lisa Garrett, Virginia Haskett, Margaret Ann Horne, Pat Marsh, Yvonne Michel, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Barb Watkins. **Livestream Team:** Tim Fleming, Sandy Shelton.

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Ann Herman in loving memory of her parents, Margaret and Carl Herman; and by Nancy Bishop in loving memory of her sons, John Gregory Barrett and Dean Barrett, her husband, Art (Sonny) Bishop, and her twin sister, Ann Clark.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia This province principally includes New Zealand (Aotearoa is the Māori name for New Zealand) along with Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa. Church Missionary Society work among the Māori early in the 19th century was followed by church development among Anglican settlers arriving in mid-century. All of this quickly led to Anglicanism becoming the largest religious denomination in the country. New Zealand Anglicans have been sensitive both to climate change and to cultural diversity for many years. As for the former, over the past two weeks, Pacific Anglican leaders have joined leaders from throughout the Anglican Communion in advocating for the 'lungs of the earth,' part of the People's Summit happening simultaneously with the UN's COP30 climate conference in Belém in the Brazilian Amazon. The indigenous-led Anglican Communion delegation at COP30

focused upon those who suffer the harshest impacts of the climate crisis yet bear little responsibility for climate change. As for cultural diversity, A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) is considered by many to be the finest example of Anglican liturgy emerging from the liturgical renewal movement late in the last century.

November 23rd marks the end of this Church Year, and it marks the end of our providing Anglican cycle of prayer commentary illuminating the heritage and witness of provinces throughout the Anglican Communion. As we have sought to honor the stories that bind us together, we will continue to give thanks for our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Ministry; Wake Forest / Salem / Winston-Salem State / UNC School of the Arts Episcopal Campus Ministry

Those on our parish prayer list: Norma Bullock, Traci and Erik, Jeff Cummer, Betty Atwell, Mack Baker, Lauren, Martha and Jim Kaley, Nancy O'Donnell, Tina Sink Gangi, Heather, Victoria, Pauline Tatum, Jim Tatum, Pia, Katelyn Flowers, Jeannie Phillips, James, Madeline Colavito, Hilary Towle, Sarah Sellers, Sue Keith, Myra Stephens, Derek, E. MacKenzie, Carolyn Ritchie, Glenna Ohaver, Susan Seaton, Karl Towle, Heidi Dohmeier, Donnie Robertson, Barbara Van Cleve, Nancy Antrim, Bert and Bev, Mary Lou Strohl, Frank Tatem, Faye Thompson, Ethan Shoffner, Paul, Pam Haynes, Karen, Sabrina, John Bald, Keats, Anna Marie, Alicia, Gloria, Jo, Julie Dameron, Lynn Hayworth, Gayle Aiken, Denise, Vicky, Glenda Myers, Barbara Cole, Patrick Miller, Terese Southern, Jordan, Laura Shinn

Seminarian: Ryan Waide

Special concerns: The people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, and Sudan; Jamaica and all those impacted by recent storms

Those serving in our military: Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

The departed: Larry Queen

Those expecting: Martin and Samantha Kappauf, due January 2026; Sean and Olivia Toso, due March 2026

Birth: Charles Michael Thomas, on October 26, 2025, son of Clint and Emily (Sanford) Thomas and grandson of Anne Wilkinson and Michael Sanford

Birthdays: Ann Herman, Buster Lewis, Marion Seaman, Barbara West, John Worrell

Prayer requests can be sent to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at parish@standrewsgso.org or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please let Susan know. Please also email Susan with birthdays or anniversaries for the bulletin.

Today

Walking in Love for Such a Time as This—Formation Continues after Worship (Cloister)

Join us after worship for the final session in our formation series, ***The Challenge of Walking in Love and Prophetic Witness***. Led by The Rev. Dr. Leon Spencer, our sessions essentially ask this question: Facing extraordinary times, how might we faithfully walk in love? We examine the biblical foundations of prophetic witness, consider the realm of prophetic theology, and try to understand what is key to a faith community's witness to human need and justice.

Episcopal 101: Learn about the Episcopal Church—After Worship (Chapel)

All are welcome in this class on the basics of the Episcopal Church. Come explore the faith, beliefs, history, structure, and practices of the Church, with plenty of space to ask questions! Led by Spencer Musick, Mother Ginny, and others. Questions? Contact Spencer Musick at spencermusick@outlook.com or 706-233-1223. We will meet through November 30.

Sprouts Families, Join Us for Brunch Bunch—Today after Church, at Sticks and Stones

Today's Sprouts Brunch gathering for families of pre-K–5th graders will be at Sticks and Stones, 2200 Walker Ave. Join us for incredible pizza and gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan selections—and great company! Email martha@standrewsgso.org with questions, and we'll see you there!

Would You Like to Be Confirmed or Received in the Episcopal Church? Let Us Know Today

Today is the last day to let us know if you would like to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed during our Bishop's Visitation on December 7, 2025. Email Mother Ginny at rector@gmail.com with your interest.

Rumi by Candlelight Performance in St. Andrew's Sanctuary—Tonight at 5 p.m.

Rumi by Candlelight: a night of sacred poetry by 13th century poet, Rumi, will perform in our sanctuary tonight at 5 p.m. The poetry is accompanied by original music on world instruments. Tickets are required. You'll find all the details at rumibycandlelight.com. Doors open at 4:30.

*****EYC, Note Time & Place!** Let's Take a Little Time to Make a Big Difference—Today!***

Meet at Backpack Beginnings' Warehouse, 2:00–3:30 p.m., (3711 Alliance Dr., Parking Lot 1)

Today our middle and high schoolers are meeting off-campus to volunteer at Backpack Beginnings, an amazing Greensboro nonprofit and grassroots organization that connects families with resources throughout our community. They started years ago with weekend food bags for families in need and have expanded to offer food, comfort, clothing, diapers, supplies, and much more. We'll be helping in their warehouse and learning more about their programs and impact. Service hours are available for this meeting. Email martha@standrewsgso.org with questions or if you need a ride. See you at 2!

Announcements

Advent Begins Next Sunday, November 30—Worship, Children's Chapel, & Our Advent Event

*Advent is the special season of the church year when we prepare for the coming of Christ. On the First Sunday of Advent, children will have a special Children's Chapel during worship, with a story, offering, and a service project to bring in the Advent season. After worship, we will gather in the Parish Hall for our **All-Parish Advent Event**. Everything you need to make your own Advent wreath will be provided, and we'll enjoy fellowship, conversation, and refreshments while we build wreaths together. A donation of \$10 per wreath-making kit is welcomed but not required. You can also join Pat Marsh in the Sanctuary for a Chrismon Conversation, and Advent devotionals will be available on this day.*

We Need Your Greenery for Advent Wreaths—November 30

*We have all the supplies needed for beautiful Advent wreaths to light the season, **except** for fresh greenery! If you're trimming greens in your yard or you have extra Christmas tree cuttings, please bring them to the Parish Hall before church next Sunday! Or email martha@standrewsgso.org about pickup.*

Walk in Love—We Need Your Pledges

Thank you for your participation in our annual giving campaign for 2026. If you haven't pledged yet, please send in your pledge card or pledge online by scanning the QR code at right or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/WalkInLove2026>. To request a pledge card, email Susan Frye at parish@standrewsgso.org. As you prayerfully consider your pledge this year, know that every gift is appreciated. Each gift matters. May we give generously and joyfully so that St. Andrew's continues to grow in Christ's love and compassion.



Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1–2

Hope for the Holidays: Sign Up to Bring Gifts for Children's Home Society—December 7

*Once again, we are joining with Hope for the Holidays, an annual gift drive for children living in foster care, sponsored by the Children's Home Society. For many years we have engaged in this ministry in conjunction with our celebration of St. Nicholas, who blesses the gifts we send. Please use the signup link in our eNews and bring new, unwrapped gifts to church on **December 7** for the blessing. If you can't come that day, please deliver to the church office on Tuesday, December 9 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.). We have also added a collection bin in the Parish Hall. Thank you for helping provide a joyful holiday season for children in need. If you have questions or need an alternate drop-off plan, contact Susan Brannan at susanbrannan@hotmail.com.*

Honor Loved Ones with Christmas Flowers—Submit by Sunday, December 14

*Each Advent, donation envelopes are placed in the pews providing parishioners an opportunity to make donations expressly for the Altar Guild. These honorary and memorial gifts help cover costs of special services and day-to-day altar requirements. Every gift is appreciated, and donors and tributes will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please place your cash or check (to St. Andrew's, with "Altar Guild Christmas Flowers" on the memo line) in the flower envelope. Or submit the online flower form in our eNews. **Note: If paying for donations online, be sure to submit the online flower form too, so your tribute is not missed.** If mailing your gift, print legibly and include the following: "This donation for the Altar Guild Christmas Flowers is given by _____ in memory of / in honor of _____. " Thank you for your support. Donations and tributes must be received in the office by **December 14**.*

Continuing the Miracle on Market St.—Update on Corner Market, Green for Greens, & SNAP
Between October 30 and November 10, the local community donated \$36,359 to Green for Greens for the Corner Farmer Market's "Oh SNAP" initiative offering \$75 in Market tokens to SNAP cardholders. As a result, over 400 people were fed, drawing new Market patrons and making a 4-months' equivalent financial impact on local food providers (especially meaningful in light of lost federal programs for these providers earlier in the year). Last Saturday, as partial SNAP payments resumed, the Market returned to its standard offer, matching up to \$50 for SNAP customers weekly. Thank you for your support during the SNAP funding crisis. Please continue to spread the word about the Market's year-round SNAP benefit and the Green for Greens fund supporting it. And be sure to follow the Market on Facebook.

Deck the Halls is December 6—Here's How to Help

Please contact Marion Seaman at seamanmarion@gmail.com with Deck the Halls questions.

Last Call! Order Online by November 26!—Wreaths, Gingerbread Houses, & Chili

You can still pre-order wreaths, centerpieces, gingerbread houses, and chili at our Deck the Halls online store. Visit standrewsgso.org or go right to the store at <https://bit.ly/ShopDeckTheHalls>. These offerings are available by pre-order only, through November 26, with pre-orders to be picked up at the Deck the Halls event on December 6. Honor Cards with various designs will be available at the event.

Help Publicize Deck the Halls—Yard Signs, Postcards, Social Media, and Word of Mouth

Yard signs and postcards are available in the Parish Hall. Check out our Deck the Halls event on our Facebook page (facebook.com/standrewsgreensboronc) and please share it freely! And remember to take a photo in our Deck the Halls photo "booth"—the red door on the Kensington side of the campus—and share it on social media, tagging our event!

Still Needed! Baked Goods for Mrs. Claus's Sweets and Treats—December 4 & 5

*Please help Share the Love by baking homemade treats—breads, cakes, pies, cookies, and more! Shoppers also love jams and mixes for baked goods, soups, or dips. **Contributions can be delivered to the Parish Hall December 4–5.***

Drop Off Your Deck the Halls Wine Pull Donations

For each cork purchased, festivalgoers choose one bottle of wine worth anywhere from \$15 to \$70. You can help by donating one or more bottles of wine, each with a minimum value of \$15. Not sure what to choose? Let the staff at Bestway on Walker Avenue help. Then look for the donations box by the office, or call Anne Thornton at 336-509-5617 to make other arrangements. Our goal is to sell 150+ bottles.

Are You an Animal Lover?

Join in the Deck the Halls fun by baking tasty dog treats to sell. Contact Laurinda Stokes at 04stokes@bellsouth.net for recipes and instructions. If you bake the treats, Laurinda will package them!

Timing for Your Delivery of Deck the Halls Donations

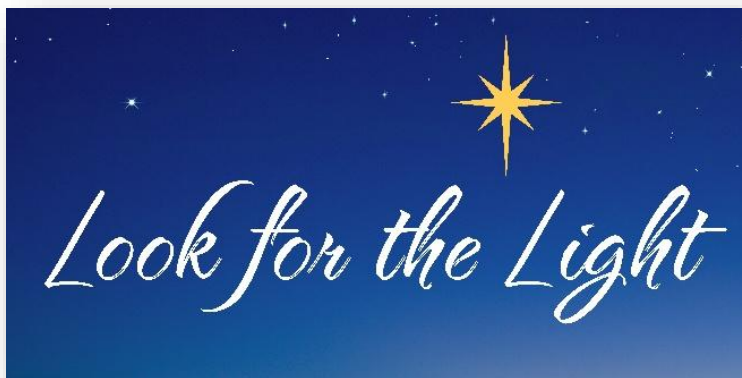
- ***Boughs of Holly*** is looking for donations of holly with berries or pieces of cedar that can be used for centerpiece greenery. You may bring these to the Parish Hall on **December 2–3**.
- If you have something to donate for ***Presents Under the Tree***, they will be accepted in the Parish Hall on **December 2–3**.
- Drop-off days for ***Mrs. Claus's Sweets and Treats*** are **December 4–5**. There is very limited freezer and refrigerator space. If freshness is a concern, please deliver items on Friday, December 5, before 2 p.m.

Supporting St. Andrew's

Your Gifts Sustain Us

We are grateful for your gifts that sustain St. Andrew's mission and ministry. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh at bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org or call him at 336-275-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make new or pledged gift online, visit abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give or scan the QR code at right. Checks may be mailed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403. To make a pledge for 2026, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/WalkInLove2026> or request a pledge packet from Ray.





Look for the Light this Advent & Christmas Season!

ST. ANDREW'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

November 30—First Sunday of Advent

Worship and Advent Children's Chapel, 10 a.m.

All-Parish Advent Event with Wreaths, Chrismons, & Devotionals, *after church*

December 7—Second Sunday of Advent

Worship and Bishop's Visitation, 10 a.m.

St. Nicholas Visit and Hope for the Holidays Gift Ingathering, *after church*

December 13, Saturday—Advent Quiet Day, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

December 14—Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, 10 a.m.

December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Contemplative Eucharist, 8:30 a.m. (*Chapel*)

Worship with Children's Nativity Pageant, 10 a.m.

Birthday Party for Jesus, *after church*

December 24, Wednesday—Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Festive Eucharist, 6 p.m.

Prelude music begins at 5:45 p.m.

Advent Resources

*We are happy to offer you a printed devotional booklet as well
as online resources for study and reflection throughout Advent.*

Living Well Through Advent 2025: Practicing Generosity with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind, from Living Compass

Printed copies of this booklet are available at church, and you can also download the booklet or sign up to receive devotions as daily emails at livingcompass.org/advent.

AdventWord Daily Meditations Series, from Forward Movement

This inspirational online Advent calendar features daily prompt words from the Sunday Lectionary readings. Visit adventword.org to subscribe or read devotions online.

Advent Reflections, by Kate Bowler

Kate Bowler is committed to seeing the world the way it really is and practicing hope in the midst of our struggles. In Advent, this looks like pushing back the darkness one light at a time. To receive her Advent devotionals sign up for her Substack at <https://katebowler.com/advent/>.

A General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 836

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

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