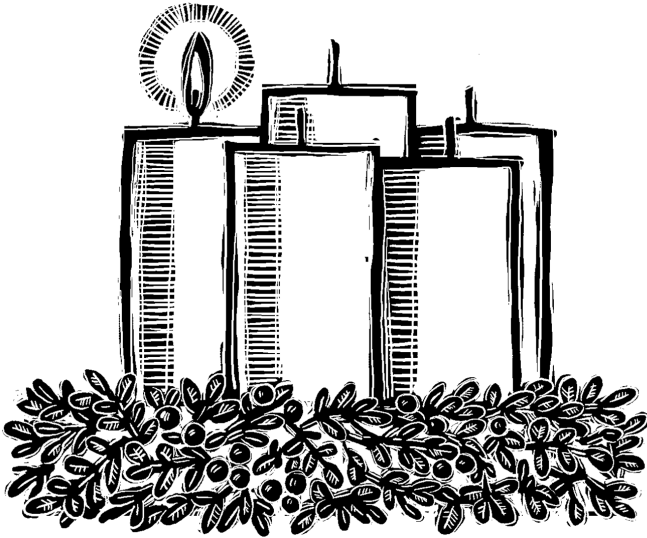


**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022, 11AM**



“Jesus said to the disciples, ‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father... Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming’” – Matthew 24:36;42

**ST. PETER’S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The First Sunday in Advent, Year A

Rector: The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks
The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus

(BCP—Book of Common Prayer, H-Hymnal 1982; S Numbers are the service music found in the front of The Hymnal 1982; WLP-Wonder, Love and Praise)
LEVAS-Lift Every Voice and Sing II)

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to this Church. May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest; the unhappy, joy; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; and to all the sense of God's Presence in this holy place. We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Port Royal, the Nandtaughtacund, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe.

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude Bereite dich, Zion" J.S. Bach
("Prepare thyself, Zion" from the Christmas Oratorio)

Lighting of the Advent candle

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

"O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" Isaiah 2:5.

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. May we raise our heads in expectation, and yearn for the coming day of the Lord, that we might stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn	Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding	H 59
Opening Acclamation		<u>BCP 355</u>
Song of Praise	What wondrous love is this	H 439

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

A reading from The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 2, verses 1-5.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122, *Literatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

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

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 13, verses 11 to 14.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

I Wonder as I Wander Larry Saylor, Guitar

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayers to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying, O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more. We pray for the people of Ukraine, and for a speedy end to the war there. As we continue to reel from the news of yet more mass shootings, we pray for an end to gun violence. We pray

for those who have lost family members, friends and loved ones. Give us and our lawmakers the will to address this ongoing and needless loss of life in our country. Until your reign of peace is realized on this earth, we pray for the safety of those serving in our armed forces. **O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. We pray for those who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world. **O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others in the name of Christ. **O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are hungry, and who come to our food distribution, that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. We pray for all who are imprisoned, that they may receive the help they need to find new life and peace. **O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have asked for our prayers, especially those on our prayer list, that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. **O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled. **O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do it, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

BCP 830 #51/431

Offertory

People, look East

St Peter's Choir

(Besançon Carol arr. Malcolm Archer)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from EOW

Enriching our Worship

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Celebrant and People

(Service music S 125)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are 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.**

Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us and proclaimed your dream of peace.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and spoke out the good news of hope.

He gave himself for our weary world,
Accepting death so that we might live,
And held our darkness deep within
until through the cross and grave and empty tomb
he set us free for love.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and
said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks
to you, gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering
Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to
you our gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, a people of grace and truth, carrying your good news of joy into every season.

And bring us at the last with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

The Communion of the People of God

Communion Hymn **I want to walk as a child of the light** **H 490**

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **Come, we that love the Lord** **LEVAS 12**

Dismissal

Resources:

Advent wreath prayer: [Revised Common Lectionary Prayers](#)

Prayers of the People: [Intercessions for the Christian People](#), Gail Ramshaw, ed.

Blessing: Advent Blessing from [The Book of Occasional Services](#)

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter's. May you find God's love present with you in this place and return here often to worship. The communion bread is gluten free. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

The offering plates are in the back next to the doors. Your gifts help support God's work through this church. Mail - PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. online - <https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

-Nov. 27, Worship, On YouTube 11AM. <https://youtu.be/t6vf44DT5f8>

-Nov. 28, Monday Morning meditation 6:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87980716417?pwd=UHLxNE1JYlQ1TGh6N25oYTBxRURwQT09> Meeting ID: 879 8071 6417 Passcode: 790929

Poinsettia forms are on the back pew, due Sun., Dec. 11th. On the reverse side **A gift to The Endowment Fund** provides money for outreach ministries and ongoing care of the church buildings for years to come and is fully tax deductible

United Thank Offering intake is TODAY, Nov. 27. One of the oldest women's ministries provides significant grants to churches around the world, thanks to your generosity.

Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29 in support of the Village Harvest .

Our goal is \$500 to cover 25% of next year's costs.

Two ways to donate to help this ministry in its 9th year:

1. On or before Nov. 29 make out a check to St. Peter's with "Giving Tuesday" in the memo line.

2. Go online on, use St. Peter's PayPal account and donate via credit card. <https://news.churchsp.org/2022/11/11/givingtuesday2022/>

As of Nov. we have fed 970 people compared to 898 last year

ECW Coffee and Cookies, Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 10AM in the Parish House. Come enjoy one another's company and help St Peter's stay in touch with those who can't be with us on Sundays.

Bible Study Wed. Nov. 23, 10am-12pm. Parish House.

The ECM (Episcopal Church Men) continues to work through County Department of Social Services to provide families with Christmas grocery gift cards. . Donate with ECM in the memo line by Dec. 11.

Next Sunday right after church: St Nicholas Coffee Hour!

Check out the St Peter's Advent Collection 2022 - An online Advent pot pourri in 6 categories of things to do in Advent - Read, Watch, Learn, Listen, Pray and Reflect and Make. There is something for everyone!

<https://news.churchsp.org/adventcollection2022>

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Prayer List

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Evelyn Key (Roger Key's mother), **Sandra Smith, Otis Felts** (friend of Johnny Davis), **The Glasgows** (friends of the Felicianos), **Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs. Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's mother), **Ann Pyle** (Carolyn Duke's mother), **J.T. Moriarty** (Hicks' friend), **Harvey Yarus** (friend of Tom Kramer), **Patty Reno** (cousin of Tom Kramer), **Joanne Wilkerson and Jimmy Davis, Julie Davis** (sister, brother and daughter of Johnny Davis), **Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Nathaniel Schakenberg, Martha Oldham** (Mike Newman's sister), **Jonathan Coleman** (Cleo Coleman's son), **Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear** (BJ's grandson), **Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith** (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), **Orville Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's brother), **Gloria Jewell, Kathryn, David and Bobby Hill** (Lydia O'Neil's family), **Lorena McElwain**, (friend of the Pogues), **Odessa Davis, Kelly Paterino, G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw** (Brad Volland's cousin), **Joan Pemberton** (Brad Volland's aunt), **Anna Haug, Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Scott Crabtree** (Eunice Key's brother), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin), **Dot Wright, Carolyn and Butch Delhagen** (Newman relatives), **Mary Lawrence Hicks** (Catherine and Ben Hicks' daughter), **Rodney C. Johnson** (Hicks' friend), **Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Cliff Lance

Alexis Rye

Scott Estes

Steven Lee

Michael Hobbs

Joseph George

Greg Merkl

Alex Long