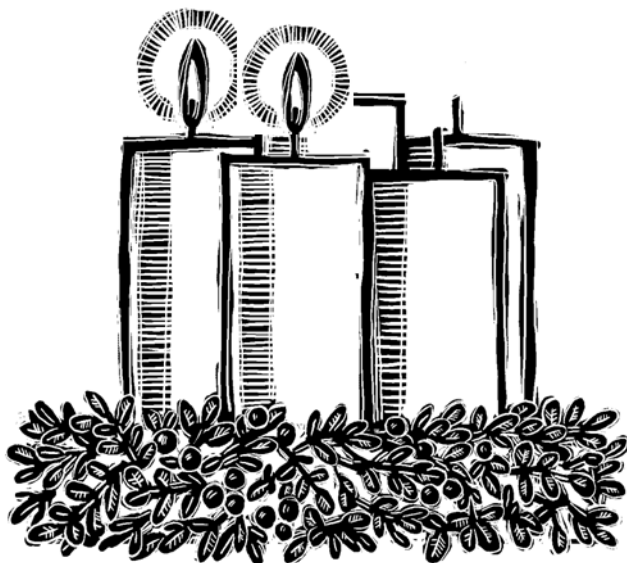


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022, 11AM



Holy One, we gather with all your children from every direction, rejoicing that you remember us. Lead us with joy, in the light of your glory, and make us people who shine with your mercy and righteousness. Amen.

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Second 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.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Larry Saylor, Guitar

Lighting of the Advent candle

Today we light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

“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 shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.” Luke 1:78-79.

Holy One, we gather with all your children from every direction, rejoicing that you remember us. Lead us with joy, in the light of your glory, and make us people who shine with your mercy and righteousness. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Soon and very soon

LEVAS 14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 11, verses 1-10.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat
straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 122, *Laetatus sum*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be
no more.

**18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

**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 The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 3:1-
12.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea,
proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around
his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the

people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements
The Peace

Advent Christmas Play

Dismissal

Resources:

Today’s opening and closing collects come from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers.

Today's Participants

The Rev. Tom Hughes, St Nicholas

Readers

Sydney Davis, Old Testament

Holly Davis, Psalm

Chester Duke, Gospel

Musicians

Arthur Duke, Piano

Chester Duke, French Horn

Hamilton Duke, Trumpet

Marie Duke, Tambourine and Voice

Katie Davis, Tambourine and Voice

Autumn Hicks, Tambourine and Voice

Sydney Davis, Voice

Holly Davis, Voice

Evan Davis, Ukulele and Trumpet

Larry Saylor, Guitar

Helmut Linne von Berg, Voice

Brad Volland, Organ

Thank you to all of today's musicians, who have worked so hard to make our Advent play a success.

Please come to the Parish House after church for a St Nicholas Day coffee hour.

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>

Happy Birthday – Carolyn Duke, Charles McGuire (12/6), Laura Long, Linneth Feliciano, Terry Collins (12/08), Bill Lauck 12/09

Today's loose offering goes to the Discretionary Fund. The Discretionary Fund is out of money. Make someone's holiday season brighter by making it possible for St Peter's to help with rent and utility bills.

-Dec. 4, Worship, On YouTube 11AM <https://youtu.be/07WfnEflbTM>

-Dec. 5, Monday Morning meditation 6:30am

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

Bible Study Wed. Dec. 7, 10am-12pm. Parish House.

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

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>

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.

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Prayer List

Rob Dobson, Laura Carey, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Brad Volland, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Mike and Marilyn Newman, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom

Claire Cole Curcio (friend of Catherine Hicks), **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