

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!

The First Sunday in Advent

Sunday November 28, 2021

Worship Notes

We give thanks that you have joined us for worship this morning.

We give thanks that we are able to gather in this sacred space to hear from and speak to God.

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Our broadcast service is found on FM station 100.1

*The flowers on the altar are given for the Glory of God and
in memory of Donna Dodd Simpson, by Bill, Scott and Paula Simpson.*

As the Delta variant has brought new health challenges, the vestry and I, in consultation with health professionals, are exercising caution. Pittsylvania County continues to be a High Risk area. Our health safety protocols continues to be:

- Regardless of vaccination status, we are wearing masks inside either of our buildings. Those serving/leading worship may remove their mask when at the lectern or pulpit.
- When coming forward during the distribution of the Holy Elements, please:
 - Come forward using the center aisle. Return to your pew via the side aisle.
 - Maintain 3' spacing!
 - Keep your mask on. Receive the bread and wine, step to the side. Then remove your mask. Place your cup on the tray. Put your mask back on.
- As you leave church to serve the Lord, please greet each other ***outside***.



THE ADVENT ENTRANCE RITE

Welcome and Announcements

Music In Procession

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

O God, by whose word all things are made holy, pour your blessings on this wreath.
May it remind us to slow down our hectic pace and make our hearts ready for the
coming of Christ your Son and our Lord.

Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Collect for Advent 1

The Lord be with you.

People 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.

Opening Hymn | *Please stand*

O come, O come, Immanuel, vs 1

Rev. Dr Barbara K. Lundblad

O come, O come, Immanuel

And bless each place your people dwell.

Melt ev'ry weapon crafted for war,

Bring peace upon the earth forever more.

Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,

God's chosen one, Immanuel, draws near.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Hymn of Praise

Gloria, Gloria

Hymnal: My Heart Sings Out #9

Refrain

1
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2
in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

(please be seated)

The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn *(standing)*

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

H82 # 59

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

***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

Advent 1 Year A

As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path. For the coming again of Jesus Christ in power and glory. O Lord, hear us.

People Graciously hear us, O Lord.

For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us. O Lord, hear us.

People Graciously hear us, O Lord.

For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples. O Lord, hear us.

People Graciously hear us, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ. O Lord, hear us.

People Graciously hear us, O Lord.

For +Susan, our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. O Lord, hear us.

People Graciously hear us, O Lord.

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place. O Lord, hear us.

People *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority. O Lord, hear us.

People *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth. O Lord, hear us.

People *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For travelers, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

For those who are in pain, physically and spiritually. We pray that they are upheld by our prayer and come to know healing in their lives. We pray for: *Rosemary, Sharon, Ruth, Bill, Ashby, Jane, Charles, Jayne, Brett, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, Dale, Jim and his wife Kathleen, Barbara, JB, Elvis, Phyllis, Stephen and Judy.*

We invite your petitions

We give thanks for Donna Simpson, for whom the flowers on the altar are given.

In God's close keeping we pray for the forgiveness of our sins:

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

The Absolution

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *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:

**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.**

Hymnal S-125

The people stand or kneel.

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;**

The Celebrant continues

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.

People: AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Bread.

Officiant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

All are invited to receive communion or a blessing. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Hymn during communion *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* H82 #324

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. 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 *(please stand)*

Recessional

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymnal 82 #66

Dismissal: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

After the closing hymn, we are sent into the world, sustained by the worship of today. Some sit for the postlude or prayer, while others quietly find their way to the door.

Organ Voluntary

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Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

Kenyon Scott	4	Jayne and Mark de Paulo	17
Bill Simpson	14		
Richard Camp	28		

November: A Month of Gratitude

Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar offered in thanks through United Thank Offering is given to God's mission in the world. UTO disperses *every* penny offered into grants. Every coin and bill transforms lives in the United States and around the world.

Your blessings become blessings for others.

We will collect your offering next Sunday, December 5th.

Serving Today

Officiant – The Rev. Becky Crites

Choir Director & Organist – Mr. Kenyon G. Scott

Reader: Richard Camp EM: Betty Camp

Counters: Rick Dixon, Kenyon Scott

Vestry

Laura Chappell (Sr. Warden) Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden),
Kenyon Scott, Rick Dixon, Betty Camp

***The Annual Parish Meeting will be after church on Sunday, January 23rd,
the third Sunday after the Epiphany***

The Vestry Seeks Your Support

As we begin a new Christian Year, the vestry has approved
Three OutReach opportunities as we “*Make Love Our Aim*”. (1 Cor. 14.1 NJB).

(1) Our first OutReach needs a **quick** response.

We have accepted Pittsylvania County Social Services’ invitation to brighten a child’s Christmas. We have been given a family with a four year old boy and three year old girl. We are to donate 3-4 gifts per child, plus winter clothing.

- Clothes sizes for the little boy are: Pants: 6T Shirt: 6T Shoes: 12.
He wishes for cars and trucks.
- Clothes sizes for the little girl are: Pants: 6T Shirt: 6T Shoes: 9 Dress: 6T.
She wishes for baby dolls.

***Do not wrap gifts. If you choose you may include wrapping paper for the parents.
We need to turn these into Social Services by Thursday, Dec. 2nd so bring them
to the church by Wednesday, Dec. 1st.***

(2) Our second OutReach is to help with medical bills for a family member of the Chappell’s.

Megan and Nathan Everson, Laura Chappell’s niece, along with her husband and three week old daughter, were hit by a drunk driver. While Avonlea Grace was unhurt, they were seriously injured. Megan will be in a wheelchair during her long recovery. Please support our response by adding to the amount we are able to give through our discretionary funds. Checks may be made out to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, with a note in the memo line for the Everson’s.

Please your donation to us by Dec. 15th.

(3) Our third Outreach is for Priscilla Bennison is a freshman at Chatham Hall.

Priscilla is the daughter of a Sudanese Anglican Priest living and serving at a Sudanese refugee camp in Egypt. To support her, we invite you to add money to her Chatham Hall “Turtle Card”. This card allows her to buy snacks and supplies at the Chatham Hall bookstore. This is as easy way to support her as she studies far from home. She will be visiting with us one Sunday next semester to tell of her life in Egypt. Checks may be made out to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, with a note in the memo line for Priscilla.

Please send your donation to us by Dec. 15th.

Advent Offerings being this week. See your mailing!