

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcomes You!

The Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday December 5, 2021

Worship Notes

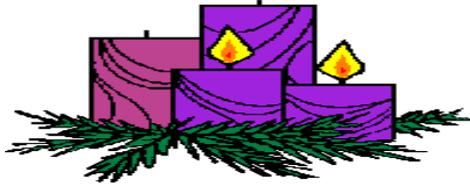
We give thanks that you have joined us for worship this morning.

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

Our broadcast service is found on FM station 100.1

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 and keep your mask on.*
 - *Receive the bread, step to the side. Then remove your mask.*
 - *Place your cup on the tray. Put your mask back on.*
- *Fellowship time has returned in the parish hall! Join us for light snacks and conversation.*



THE ADVENT ENTRANCE RITE

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle | *Please stand*

Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel, vs 1

H82 # 56

***O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.***

Collect for Advent 2

The Lord be with you.

People and also with you.

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 WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

H82 # 67

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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah

H82 S-251

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.

The Second 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.

Hymn (*standing*)

There's a voice in the wilderness

H82 # 75

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Officiant 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."

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

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially JB Newby, Lillian Moore, and Samuel Stone, eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
We are surrounded by people 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, Elvis, Phyllis, Stephen and Judy.*

We invite your petitions

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 say 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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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)*

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.

Recessional

Prepare the way, O Zion

H82#65

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Birthdays and Anniversaries in December

Annie Chappell	12	Betty and Richard Camp	30
Janice Chaney	15		
Lily Chappell	17		
Mark dePaulo	19		
Tred Hunt	28		

Serving Today

Officiant – The Rev. Becky Crites
Choir Director & Organist – Mr. Kenyon G. Scott
Reader: Annie Chappell EM: Laura Chappell
Counters: Rick Dixon, Laura Chappell

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***

ADVENT OFFERINGS AT EMMANUEL

Four Sundays in Advent: Worship with us!

Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th.

We believe that we can, with special care, gather inside for refreshments after church. And so, beginning with Advent we will be having inside refreshments in the parish hall.

Quiet Tuesdays: Candles, Reflections, Music. 5pm – 5:30pm.
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14th, 21st.

Wonder Wednesdays: 10:30 – Noon(ish)

Dec. 1 and 8th: First and Second Comings of Jesus: From the Prophets to Us

The prophets of old and the First Coming and how they help us think about the Second Coming.

Dec. 15th: The theology of Christmas Hymns

How the hymns they help us think about who Jesus was and is and is to come.

Dec. 22nd: Greening of the Church. Followed by lunch!!

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 was successful and the gifts were distributed on Friday. Thank you.*

(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.