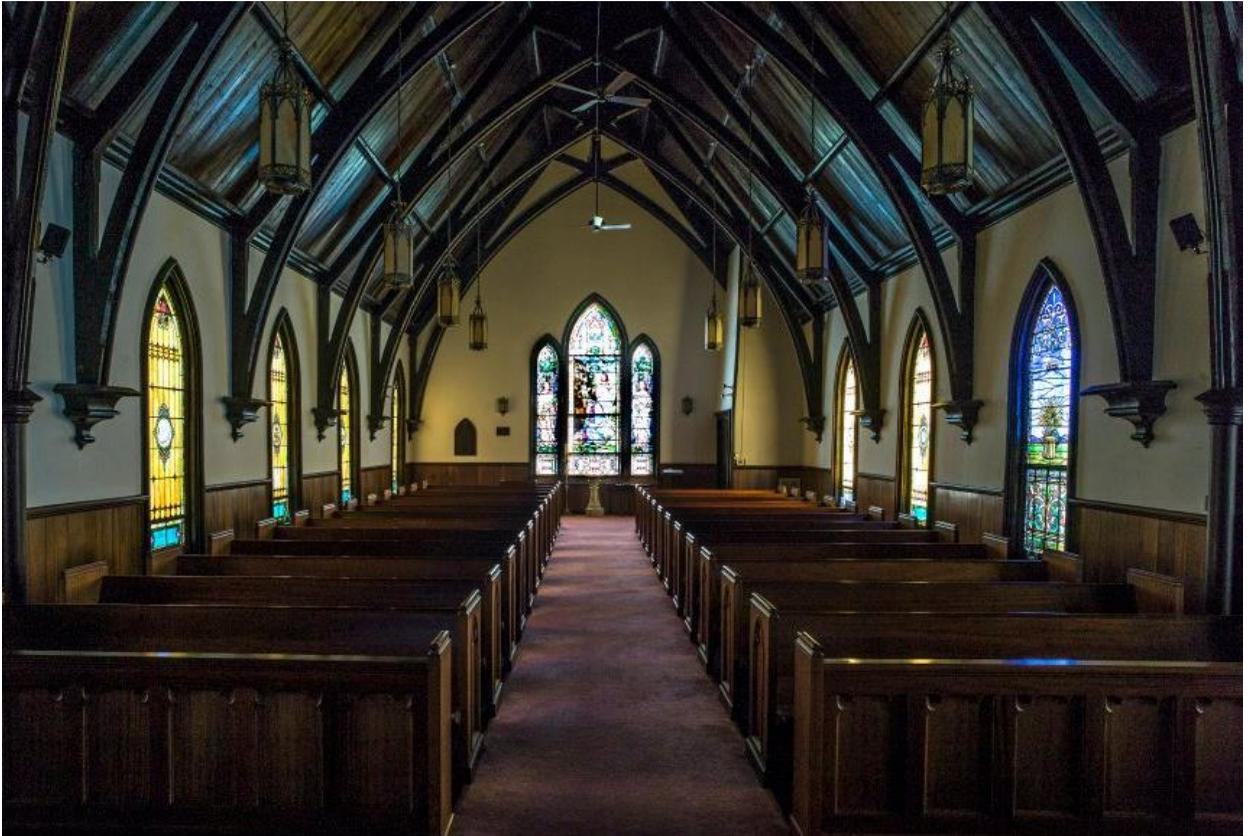


# The Second Sunday of Advent

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**8 December 2013**

**11 A.M. Mass and Annual Meeting**

*Today is our Annual Meeting in the context of the eucharist, a growing practice in The Episcopal Church to make explicit the connection between worship and all of our life together as the People of God. The eucharist is where we gather to worship God and to go forth to do the work God gives us to do.*

*The INGATHERING of pledges and regular committed giving is this Sunday. Forms and envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church.*

## Prelude

### THE GREAT COMMISSION

And Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28.19-20).

### *Lord, you give the great commission Tune Abbot's Leigh (cf. Hymnal 523)*

1. Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the Word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
***with the Spirit's gifts empower us for  
the work of ministry.***
2. Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise  
life abundant meant for each  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community;  
***with the Spirit's gifts empower us for  
the work of ministry.***
3. Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society;  
***with the Spirit's gifts empower us for  
the work of ministry.***
4. Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
***with the Spirit's gifts empower us for  
the work of ministry.***

Acclamation

BCP 355

Collect for Purity

***Kyrie: Lord, have mercy.***

***Hymnal S 96***

### THE WORD OF GOD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

## *Collect for a Meeting*

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the people here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **I. Call Meeting to Order, establish quorum, appoint secretary & tellers.**

### **II. Minutes from Annual Meeting 2012**

A summary. 9 December 2012. Meeting opened with prayer. Quorum established. Beth Coles and Vic Millner thanked as they were completing their vestry terms. Richard Camp, John Geyer, and Charles Williams nominated for vestry. Motion made, seconded, and affirmed by majority present that vestry be expanded from 6 to 9 members over 3-year period. All three nominees were then elected by acclamation. John Geyer, treasurer, presented the financial report. Ajournd with prayer.

### **III. Written reports are placed in this Bulletin. Question-and-answer period with priest and vestry after lunch in the parish hall.**

### **IV. Nominations for Vestry. (Three highest vote-getters will be elected.)**

*Vote after passing the peace. Highest three vote totals elected. A tie broken by lot/revote.*

**You can vote at the annual meeting if each of these statements is true:**

1. *You are 16 and above.*
2. *You consider yourself as belonging here at Emmanuel.*
3. *You regularly worship God here.*
4. *You support the mission and ministry of this church with your money & time.*

*During Advent, after each reading we will observe a time of silent waiting.*

A Reading from Isaiah.

11.1-10

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.**

Psalm 72.1-7 *Deus, iudicium*

*Begun by the Celebrant after a time of reflection.*

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.

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.**

**15.4-13**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ

has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence follows the reading*

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

3.1-12

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

**The Homily**

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**The Prayers of the People:** *(pausing to observe silences)*

*Intercessor can find form and names on the table at the entrance to the church.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

- V. **First vote. Vote for ONLY THREE candidates on Ballot. Ushers gather ballots, and tellers count in sacristy.**
- VI. **Ingathering of Pledges & Commitment to Regular Giving**  
*Take my life, and let it be* *Hymnal 707*
- VII. **The Celebrant adds a Prayer of Thanksgiving for all commitments.**
- VIII. **Election results are announced.**

### Offertory Sentence, Choir Anthem, and Doxology

The Eucharistic Prayer as announced

*Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy* *Hymnal S 130*

The Lord's Prayer and the Fraction BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God* *Hymnal S 164*

The Invitation BCP 364

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* *Hymnal 76*

The Postcommunion Prayer as announced

**The Advent Blessing and Blessing of Food.** *No Dismissal is given at this time.*

*Praise to the living God!* *Hymnal 372*

### Postlude

- IX. **Lunch.**
- X. **Open Discussion with the priest and vestry.**
- XI. **Adjournment with a Prayer and Dismissal.**

## REVIEW AND REPORTS FOR MINISTRIES

## **Acolytes**

Our acolytes include Emily, Samantha, John Luke, Delanie, Patrick, and Mary Grace.

## **Altar Guild**

A behind-the-scenes ministry that facilitates our worship services. Members include Ruth Jones, Lisa Mullis, Janice Chaney, Beth Coles, Martha Searce, Martha Jane Rush, Mary Hicks Heitzler, Kathy Nelson, Betty Camp, and others from time to time.

## **Animal Welfare**

This group using our parish hall helps rescue and re-home domestic, companion animals.

## **Benevolent Fund**

Fund helps people in our church and community with various needs. Donations welcomed.

## **Bilingual Ministry**

Spanish/English Mass booklets and Spanish lectionary readings are provided.

## **Bishop Light Fund**

Gift of Bishop Heath Light: proceeds were split this year between Oak Grove & area food bank.

## **Bulletin Boards**

Mary Catherine Plaster and Susan Paynter keep boards fresh and current.

## **Chatham Concert Series**

Emmanuel hosts the Chatham Concert Series, with six concerts in 2013. Performances by classical musicians who have played some of the world's greatest concert halls. A "young artist" is also invited to perform. Concerts in 2014 are planned for January, February, and March.

## **Chatham First**

This civic organization supports the economic, social, and cultural life in Chatham.

## **Chatham Garden Club**

The Garden Club spotlights the most beautiful gardens, homes, and landmarks of the area.

## **Christmas and other Seasonal Decorations**

Many come together at different times of the year to put up seasonal decorations.

## **Communications**

In addition to maintaining the website, Wayne Wilson again produced first-class newsletters before handing this on to Susan Paynter and Fr. Heying. Janice Chaney operated a successful phone tree. Weekly bulletins and minister assignments are emailed to the church.

## **Counters**

A new ministry where two people count the collection and prepare the deposit, facilitating transparency and accountability. Those serving include Betty Camp, Beth Coles, Kathy Nelson, Cy Kramer, Susan Paynter, Eric Roberts, and Sharon Taylor.

## **Ecumenical Ministry and Engagement**

From Ash Wednesday to the community Thanksgiving service, we were enriched by shared worship with other community churches, with Emmanuel hosting Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, All Saints, and the Community Thanksgiving services.

## **Emmanuel Episcopal Churchwomen**

Mary Catherine provides Halloween treats at Chatham Hall day students and daughters of Episcopal clergy. The ladies provide as needed receptions through the year.

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Dave Counts, Len Rogers, Michael Rose, Bill Simpson, Charles Williams, and Mary Grace Heying have served as licensed eucharistic ministers or “subdeacons.” They help administer the sacrament and step in and do any part of the liturgy that may be needed.

## **Finance**

*Reports, including investment funds, will be distributed following lunch.*

## **Hospitality Hour**

So many have helped with coffee hour, ranging from heavy lunches to lighter fare. Charles Williams and Michael Rose provided a spectacular Mother’s Day brunch. Charles and Janice Chaney, the hospitality committee, successfully introduced the observance of the month’s birthdays and anniversaries on the last Sunday of each month.

## **Intercessors**

The prayers of the people have been led by these intercessors: Kathy Nelson, Linda Kauffelt, Betty Camp, Mary Grace Heying, Susan Paynter, Michael Rose, and Bill Simpson.

## **Music**

Sally Ford, our organist, leads the choir in weekly anthems and otherwise supports the liturgy through singing. Our choir includes Beth Coles, Sharon Taylor, Harriett Clark, and Rosemary Nichols. We are thankful for those who join in on special occasions.

## **Oak Grove**

An assisted-living facility, Oak Grove has residents with significant many needs. Sharon Taylor organizes monthly parties where Ron Irby and others play music. Serving on the board, Betty Camp sets up an angel tree for Christmas presents for the residents.

## Pastor's Forum

This lively 10 a.m. Sunday gathering in the Parish Hall covered a variety of topics such as outreach, liturgy, and currently bible study, focusing on Sunday's gospel lesson.

## P.E.O.

Meeting here monthly, this society provides scholarships, gants, awards, and loans for women.

## Picnic

Some 55 of us gathered on a hot June Sunday for worship and fellowship at the Simpson home.

## Priest

12.8.2013		12.31.2012
<b>1</b>	<b>Confirmations under 16</b>	<b>0</b>
6	Confirmations over 16	0
<b>3</b>	<b>Received by a Bishop</b>	<b>0</b>
1	Baptisms under 16	1
<b>2</b>	<b>Baptisms over 16</b>	<b>1</b>
1	Marriages	1
<b>2</b>	<b>Funerals</b>	<b>2</b>
47	Sunday Eucharists	34
<b>1</b>	<b>Sunday Offices</b>	<b>18</b>
8	Weekday Masses	2
<b>5</b>	<b>Private Eucharists</b>	<b>0</b>
114	Easter Attendance	53
<b>48</b>	<b>Average Sunday Attendance</b>	<b>37</b>

### *Priest's Report continued*

**STRENGTHS: Growing number engaging ministry** on weekly basis. **Expanded** types and styles of **worship. Hospitality after church** and by inviting new people to become active participants in this community of faith. Large number of **communication tools:** bulletins, email, newsletter, website, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Warm **ecumenical worship and fellowship** with Christians of other traditions. **Outreach to Chatham community** through providing space and by our members' **volunteer commitments** in various organizations. Strengthening the **physical plant.** Providing clarity and **transparency with finance. Strengthening ties that bind** with wider church through our diocesan pledge, Bill Simpson's participation on Chanco Camp & Conference board, by leading worship at Trinity, Gretna, twice monthly, and assisting at Chatham Hall as requested.

**GROWING EDGES:** *These are growth areas for all churches!* Finding and **articulating a common vision** for mission and ministry. Awareness that our **entire budget is about mission and ministry**. **Outreach** that comes out of Emmanuel Church's faithful and perhaps unique response to go forth "to do the work God gives us to do." Understanding **stewardship** as not "giving to the church" or "paying bills" but **fulfilling our commitment to love God and others**. **Hospitality** as "**openness to the 'Other'** which embraces change in our own life and in the very structure of our community." Deepening our awareness that we are not only invited to receive but **commanded to give an invitation** to a transformative encounter with the living God (see Great Commission on page 2 above).

## **Readers**

We are thankful for those who carefully prepare for and exercise this ministry: Betty Camp, Beth Coles, Kathy Nelson, John Geyer, John Luke Heying, Linda Kauffelt, Susan Paynter, Len Rogers, Michael Rose, Bill Simpson, and Charles Williams.

## **Ushers and Greeters**

Ushers are often the first friendly hand of welcome. We are blessed with the following who serve regularly: Langhorne Jones, Richard Camp, Walter Coles, Joe Hasankulizade, and G.B. Thompson. And we are thankful that others have stepped up and served when needed.

## **Vestry**

The vestry meets regularly and for special occasions to strengthen this church for ministry and mission, together with the priest-in-charge.

*Class of 2013:* **Janice Chaney.**

*Class of 2014:* **Walter Coles and Bill Simpson.**

*Class of 2015:* **Richard Camp, John Geyer, and Charles Williams.**

*Officers:* **Mike Kauffelt**, treasurer, and **Sharon Taylor**, register.

A huge **thank you** to each of these persons for the many and various ways they work on behalf of us all.

## **Volunteers**

All but three of us are volunteers and the gift of *your* time makes a huge difference in our common life. In addition to our vestry members and officers, these three persons deserve a special thank you. Weekly **Langhorne Jones** is at church quietly fixing things that need fixing and always keeping oil in our lamps. **John Chaney** looked for a way to use his gifts on behalf of the church and now weekly administers a program that records deposits and track donations, providing significant help to our treasurer and finance committee. **Susan Paynter**, in addition to her wonderful writing, weekly organizes and encourages us in our several ministries.

## **Wardens' Report**

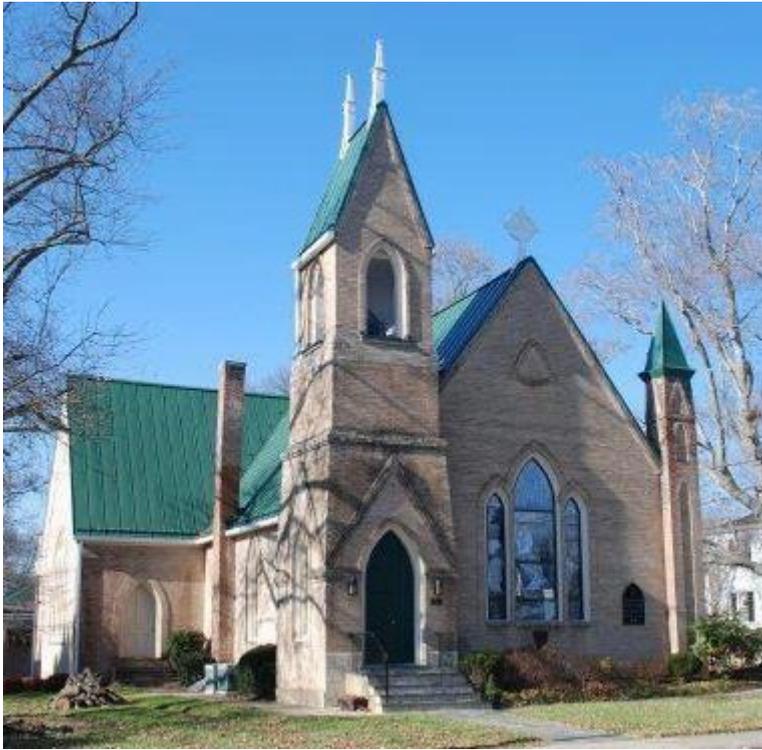
The following improvements were made: carpet cleaned, undercroft leak fixed and sealed, supports under church reinforced, bat control contract reinstated, partially dead tree was removed, kneelers and book racks fixed or replaced, lights in the church changed, stained glass fixed, and minor water issues addressed. **Louella was hired as sexton and the church is sparkling clean.**

## **Windows and Other Memorials**

Through the financial commitment of several members who have chosen to make memorial gifts, we have been able to fix a number of stained glass windows and fund ministry. Ask Fr. Heying or a vestry member how you can participate in this special offering above your pledge!

## **Yoga Class**

Thursday morning gentle yoga classes continue in the parish hall. Parishioners and others are enjoying the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of this regular yoga practice, led by returned Pittsylvania County native Angie Gregory. For more information see Susan Paynter.



**Christmas Eve: 10:30 Mass, preceded by caroling at 10:10.**

**First Sunday of Christmas, 29 December: Christmas Lessons & Carols.**

### **Ministers of the Mass**

Subdeacons: Len  
Readers: Susan, John  
Prayers: Mary Grace

Ushers: Walter, Richard  
Counters: Sharon, Cy  
Altar: Lisa, Janice

Coffee Hour: Potluck/Chicken

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