



# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Almighty God, we light this candle of Advent as a symbol of the king who is coming into our world. Help us to be rescued from our sins and repent in your great mercy, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Processional Hymn 59

“Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

*Merton*

## 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.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn 56

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

*Sts. 1-2*

1 O come, O come, Em - ma - - - nu - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from \_\_\_\_\_ on high, who or - derest

cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile  
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

here un - til the Son of God \_\_\_\_\_ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
show, and teach us in her ways \_\_\_\_\_ to go.

Em - man - - - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el!

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

### The Lesson: Isaiah 2:1–5

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 618

*Commentary: Isaiah is a book that unveils the full dimensions of God's judgment and salvation. In this passage, the prophet predicted a time when both Jews and Gentiles will come to Jerusalem, the mountain of the Lord, and Israel and Israel's God will be exalted in the world. Under the old covenant, Israelites made pilgrimages to Jerusalem three times a year, but in the future, the entire world will go there. Jerusalem will be Messiah's capital city and people will live in peace. In view of what the nations will do eventually, Isaiah encouraged his audience to walk in the light of the Lord right now.*

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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

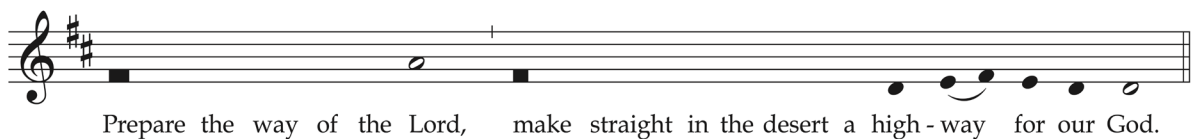
*After the reading, the children leave for Children's Chapel.*

### Sequence

*After the organ introduces the theme, the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.*



### Verse



*All repeat the Alleluias.*

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36–44

*NRSV*, p. 904

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

*People* **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.”

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*The response to each petition:*

...Lord, in your mercy                      **Hear our prayer.**

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                      **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

*Tune: King's Lynn; arr. Evelyn Larter*

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear.  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon He draweth nigh.  
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil.  
And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.  
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near.  
Go meet Him as He cometh, with alleluias clear.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear!  
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for, over this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

*Author: Laurentius Laurenti*

*Translator: Sarah B. Findlater, alt.*

### Presentation Hymn 380

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"  
*stanza 3*

*Old 100th*

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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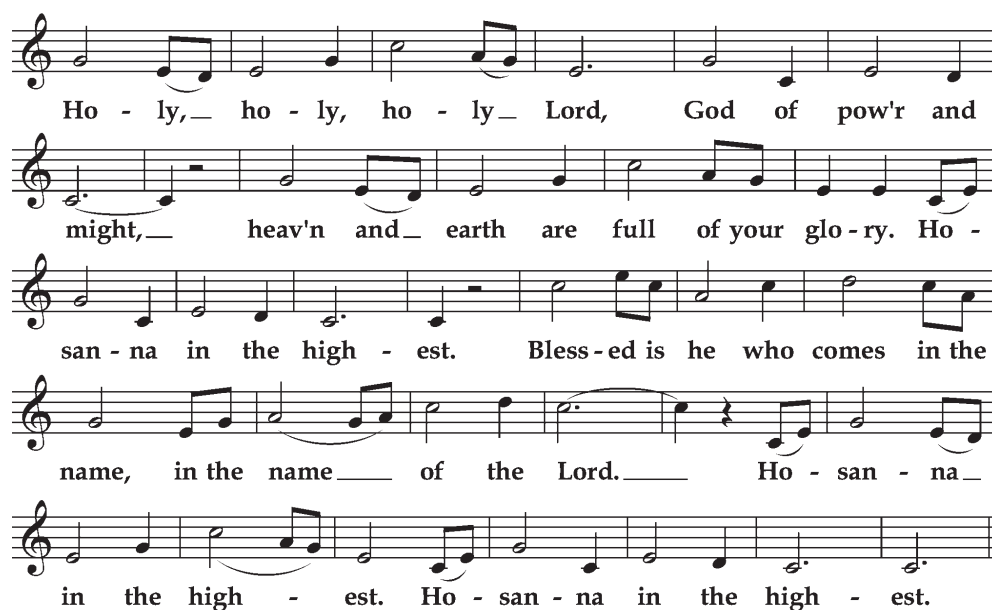
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues, concluding with:*

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:

### Sanctus

*Resignation*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name, in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

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, concluding with:*

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. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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**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 the Bread

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## The Fraction Anthem S-152 "Christ our Passover"

Ambrosian chant

*Cantor* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



## The Communion of the People

*(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

## Communion Hymns

**Hymn 302**

"Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

*Rendez à Dieu*

**Hymn 63**

"O heavenly Word, eternal Light"

*Verbum supernum prodiens*

**Hymn 53**

"Once he came in blessing"

*Gottes Sohn ist Kommen*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Priest and People*

**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.**

## The Blessing

## Closing Hymn 68

“Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

*Llangloffan*

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon  
Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.  
Children's Chapel: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard  
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Marsden Bellamy Sr. & Sue Clark Bellamy; Marsden Bellamy Jr.; Virginia Bellamy Ruffin & Peter Browne Ruffin;  
Betty & Clark Bellamy; Vic & Marsden Venters.  
Hugh MacRae II*

## FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS & SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**- Living Well in Advent - *Great Hall or via Zoom*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS**- Serving Our Neighbors - *Stephen Ministry Room*
- **JUBL-LATTE ROUND TABLE** (6th-12th grades) - *Cookie's Office*
- **FAITH ADVENTURERS** (4th & 5th grades): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILDERS** (2nd and 3rd graders): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** (K-5 & 1st grade): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILT THROUGH WONDER** (3's & 4's): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*



# ADVENT AT ST. JAMES

## JOIN US FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

*Advent is a time of joy and anticipation. Come join online and in-person opportunities to worship and engage with your St. James family. Please refer to the schedule below to see what offerings and services best fit your family!*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING ADVENT

- November 27: 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Living Well in Advent, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, Children's Sunday School
- December 4: 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Experiencing the Psalms, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, St. James Children are invited to learn the Christmas Story in preparation for the Christmas Pageant.
- December 11: 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Waiting together in Song: Exploring the Hymns of Advent, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, St. James Children are invited to gather in preparation for the Christmas Pageant.
- December 18: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT during the 9:00 a.m. Service. 10:10 a.m. Faith Formation Hour - Disciples Class: Waiting together in Song: Advent and Beyond—how can we prepare for the difficult future ahead?, Faith Discussions: Serving Our Neighbors, Jubi-latte Round Table, Children's Pageant Day Celebration

## CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

- December 24: 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., & 10:30 p.m.
- December 25: 10:30 a.m.

## OTHER ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Saturday, December 3: Quiet Reflection- An Advent Meditation - 7:30 AM at Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- Saturday, December 3: St. Nick at St. James - 8:30 - 11:30 AM - details at [stjamesp.org/stnick](http://stjamesp.org/stnick)
- Sunday, December 4: St. James Youth Shop'N'Hop
- Tuesday, December 6: St. James Speaker Series: Author David Zahl - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 7: Southern Holiday Supper - 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 11: St. James Youth Wrap'N'Yap
- Saturday, December 17: Songs of the Season - Wilmington Voices Concert - 7:30 PM
- Sunday, December 18: Breadbreakers Event
- Monday, December 19: A Classical Christmas - A St. James Concert - 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 20: Baroque Christmas - Tallis Chamber Orchestra Concert - 7:30 PM
- Thursday, December 22: Gloria! - Unchambered Concert - 6:30 PM

## ONGOING PROGRAMS AND OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

- Weekday Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m. on Zoom
- 1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:00 p.m. - Living Well in the Midst of Grief
- Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. - Starbucks High School Bible Study
- Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. - Eucharist
- Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice
- Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - St. James Choir Practice
- Education for Ministry



# THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

## MON.- FRI., NOV. 28 - DEC. 2

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | Great Hall

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- MEN'S AL ANON MEETING  
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- STARBUCKS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE  
5:45 PM | Children's Chapel
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP  
7:00 PM | RSVP for Directions

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON  
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- QUIET REFLECTION  
7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST  
8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
9:00AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR  
10:10 AM | Parish House & Milton Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- ST. JAMES YOUTH: SHOP'N'HOP  
5:00 PM | Walmart by IHOP

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;  
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers  
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

## ST. JAMES PARISH

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