



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

# SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

	DECEMBER 7 MP	DECEMBER 14
Officiant / Leader	Jan Thorne	Fr. Thad Butcher
Sharer	Shannon Dale	Fr. Thad Butcher
Altar Guild	Vicky Dean	Vicky Dean
	Fritz Calkins	Fritz Calkins
Chalice Bearer		Danny Kaluza
Lay Reader	Charlie Joyce	Jon Dean
Ushers	Jim Kelly	Tom Vivian
	Allan Miller	Sandy Vivian
Sunday School	Cynthia Weems	Cynthia Weems
Music	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

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There are visitor cards near the entrance, please fill one out and give it to an usher.

The nursery is available for children up to 4 years old. The nursery is the first room on the left going down the hallway.

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table.

## **A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP**

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Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

# MORNING PRAYER

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025



*Please silence your cell phone  
and other electronic devices before  
the service begins. Thank you.*

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*Five minutes before service  
we will enter a time of reflective quiet  
as we ready our hearts for the Lord.*

*Officiant says to the people*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make  
straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

### ***“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”***

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let each heart prepare a home  
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away  
Like flowers that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent doth thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*All Prayerfully sit or kneel. Officiant says to the People*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence is kept as we pause for reflection.*

*Officiant and People say*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant prays*

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

*Officiant and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### ***“O Come Emmanuel”***

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

#### ***Refrain***

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> CANDLE**

## PEACE

*Layperson says*

Today we relight the candle of HOPE. Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of PEACE. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. Hear what Isaiah prophesies.

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

– *Isaiah 9:6-7*

*Layperson lights the first purple candle*

*Layperson lights the second purple candle*

*Layperson continues*

Let us pray together

**Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the paths of your Only-begotten Son: that we may worthily serve you with hearts purified by His coming: Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

## **PRAISE MUSIC**

***“10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”***

*Chorus*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O\_\_my soul,  
Worship His ho-ly name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me\_\_,  
Let me be singing, when the evening comes. **[Chorus]**

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing\_\_,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **[Chorus]**

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending\_\_,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. **[Chorus]**

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## THE INVITATORY

*All stand.*

O Lord, open our lips;

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us;

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

## ANTIPHON

*Officiant*

Our King and Savior now draws near:

**O come, let us adore him.**

## JUBILATE

*Be Joyful*

*Officiant and People say*

**O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \***

**serve the Lord with gladness,**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

**Be assured that the Lord, he is God; \***

**it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and into his courts with praise; \***

**be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.**

**For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, \***

**and his truth endures from generation to generation.**

*Psalm 100*

## PSALM 72:1-15

- 1 Give the King your judgments, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's son.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people with righteousness \*  
and defend the poor with justice.
- 3 The mountains also shall bring peace, \*  
and the little hills righteousness to the people.
- 4 He shall vindicate the poor among the people, \*  
defend the children of the poor, and  
punish the wrongdoer.
- 5 They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, \*  
even as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish, \*  
even an abundance of peace, so long  
as the moon endures.
- 8 His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, \*  
and from the river unto the world's end.
- 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; \*  
his enemies shall lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; \*  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him; \*  
all nations shall do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, \*  
the needy also, and the one that has no helper.
- 13 He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, \*  
and shall preserve the lives of the poor.

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14 He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the  
gold of Arabia; \*  
prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily  
shall he be blessed.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON**

A reading from Romans 15:1-13 (Page 949)

*After the reading the reader says:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CANTICLE**

**BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA DOMINI**

*III. The People of God*

*Lay Reader and People say*

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit; \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

A reading from Matthew 24:29-44 (Page 830)

*After the reading the reader says:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CANTICLE**

***“Refiner's Fire”***

Purify my heart

Let me be as gold, and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

***Chorus***

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire**

**Is to be holy,**

**Set apart for You, Lord.**

**I choose to be holy,**

**Set apart for You, my Master,**

**Ready to do Your will.**

Purify my heart,

Cleanse me from within, and make me holy.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within

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**SHARING – SHANNON DALE**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? *Romans 10:14-15*

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

***“What A Beautiful Name”***

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

**What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is the Name of Jesus**

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

**What a wonderful Name it is what a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is the Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is the Name of Jesus**

***Bridge***

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again  
You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

**What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is the Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is the Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is the Name of Jesus**

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## THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen.**

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## THE PRAYERS

*The people remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant and People pray together*

**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.**

*Prayerfully sit or kneel*

## **SUFFRAGES**

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

**And grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

**And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**And let your people sing with joy.**

O Lord, save your people;

**And bless your inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**And defend us by your mighty power.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH**

*To Await Christ's Return*

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A COLLECT FOR MISSION**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## **A PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A MINISTER**

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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*The Officiant may invite the people to offer  
intercessions & thanksgivings.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People say together*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant continues*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### CONCLUDING SCRIPTURE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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## MILESTONES & CLERGY BLESSING

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### RECESSIONAL

*All stand.*

#### ***“Prepare the Way, O Zion”***

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory,  
Foretold in sacred story.

#### ***Refrain***

**O blest is Christ who came  
In God’s most holy name.**

He brings God’s rule O Zion; he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding,  
For grace and joy abounding. **[Refrain]**

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; Your Savior’s rule embrace,  
And tidings of salvation, proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow rejoicing,  
Their adoration voicing. **[Refrain]**

*Text: Frans Mikael Franzen*

*Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

# ZECHARIAH AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Georgian frescoes and inscriptions  
from Holy Cross Monastery in Jerusalem*

“Isaiah again speaks a message of future hope centered in a God-ordained Davidic ruler and His reign.”

“In the reading from Isaiah: 11: 1-10, we see “the *stem* mentioned that ‘presupposes the difficulties that have befallen the Davidic throne since the kingdom divided. From this same damaged root system (10:33,34) will emerge fresh life in a new ruler, symbolically called a Rod and Branch. (*Rev 5:5 terms Christ ‘the Root of Jesse’*)”

“(v2) ‘*The Spirit of the Lord*’ gives the king his skills to rule... The Holy Spirit is mentioned by Isaiah more than by any other prophet. The attributes of the Spirit’s anointing here suggest the names of the miracle Child. The seven distinct ministries of the Holy Spirit mentioned-exalting the Lord’s rule, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear (reverence)-are thought by some to be the OT counter reference to Rev. 4:5, revealing multiplicity of expression in the Holy Spirit’s workings.

“(v4) He shall strike...the wicked: Christ’s first coming accomplished this in the spiritual realm. (*Col.2:15*) He will consummate it literally and spiritually at the end of this age. (*Rev. 19:11-16, 20:11-15*)

“(v6-9) This symbolic picture of perfected, pastoral tranquility stems from the earth’s being full of the knowledge of the Lord. Such conditions imply God’s redeemed and recreated world, conditions that will be foreshadowed in the millennial interlude. (*Rev. 2:1-4, 21: 1-22:5*)

“(v10) In that day ‘The Messiah’s kingdom will include the redeemed of all nations who will gather to His banner.’”

*(The Spirit Filled Life Study Bible)*