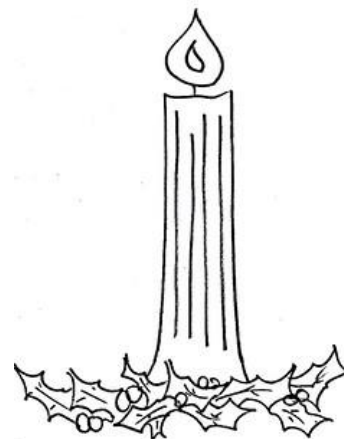


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Michael Burkhardt

[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

[Please stand when the bells sound and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

JEFFERSON
Choir and Bells

[Candle to be lit]

ENTRANCE HYMN H-57

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

(stanzas 1,2,4)

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **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.**

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Paul Hillebrand

Congregation echoes each phrase

from *Come, Emmanuel Mass*

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Lord, have mer - cy,

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Christ, have mer - cy,

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Lord, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah chapter 33...*

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lord, I gladly trust in you; let me not be put to shame.
As I look up toward your throne make your gracious promise known:
God my refuge and my hope, your protective care I claim.

In your hands I place my past; all my sins you know so well.
Your forgiveness, Lord, I need, for my guilt is great indeed;
even greater is your love—mercy more than I can tell.

Teach me what is true and good; let me hear and understand!
In the choices I must make show my heart the way to take,
so that I may always tread on the path which you have planned.

When my troubles multiply you alone can bring me through:
so with all your saints I say, “Be my strength and shield today.”
Since I know you hear my prayer, Lord, I gladly trust in you.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from First Thessalonians chapter 3....*

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stephen Weber

Choir sings:

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew Gerns

NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

People

**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

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially [*add names from notebook*] and those we name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*].
Silence

Lector Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Robin Megel, Linda Wells, Lynne Lloveras, Betty Lombardo, Marianne De La Vega, Dick Smedley and Estelle Walker.
Silence

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially... [*add names from notebook*] and those we name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*]. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us out 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.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

Ready, My Lord

Jonathan Louis
Choir

THE PRESENTATION

All stand as able.

Celebrant We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

GOD REST YE

**Isaiah, prophet, seer of old, responding to God's call,
Proclaimed the coming of the Lord to people, great and small.
Now on this day we hear God's word: declare good news to all!**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:

SANCTUS *All*

MENDELSSOHN

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might adored.
Heav'n and earth are shining bright with the glory of your light.
Loud hosannas now we sing! In the highest may they right!
Blessed is the Coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son.
Glory in the highest! Holy God, your name be blest!**

The Celebrant continues

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 Jesus 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:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Paul Hillebrand
From *Come, Emmanuel Mass*

Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
All
world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on
us. us.
Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION O Come, O Come Emmanuel Michael Burkhardt

COMMUNION HYMN H-59 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding MERTON

**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."**

**Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;**

**so when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.**

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit, while unending ages run.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-56

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

(stanzas 1,2,3,4)

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

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy
mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL

John A. Behnke

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Andrew Gerns
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Cantor	Jacob Caldwell
Crucifer/Server	Ashley Kilroy
Torch/Chalichists	Cheryl Sharpe, Tammi Wrest
Lectors	Alan Mackay, Sally Miller
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Nancy Vallely, Alan Mackay Mary & Jim Ratliff
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates
Welcome Table	Maureen Belote

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Nov 24 – Marc J, Christopher J, Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Sara M, Priscilla & Tony B, Gene & Maureen B, Mandeville P, Charles H, Carl V, Becky G, Ron L, Michelle & Family, Kathy W & Gerry B, Jen E, Cathy & Walter, Liz N, Bob K, Bob W, Bill GW, Karen F & Family, Judy M, Heather S, Colette S, Lou F, Bonnie L, Ron L, Billy V, Dolores C, Olena & Family, Milly L, Anne C, Bob S, Jim & Nancy K, Louise A, Maggie, Edna, Cathy J, Adrianna P, Brian, Jake, Kipling, Jodie H, Carol W

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Robin Megel, Linda Wells, Lynne Lloveras, Betty Lombardo, Marianne De La Vega, Dick Smedley, Estelle Walker

Announcements

Discretionary Fund Sunday – On the first Sunday of the month all loose plate offering will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund to support the needs of our community.

Greening of Kirk Hall – After the 10 AM service help us decorate Kirk Hall for the Advent season.

Proposed 2024 Budget – Our Treasurer, Robin Megel, will be available after both services today in Kirk Hall to answer any questions regarding the budget for next year. A copy of the budget summary will be available at the back of the church.

Craft & Quilt Sale – COGS Quilters will be offering a special holiday sale on Sunday, December 8th. Check off your gift list and support Pack-a-Sack.

Bake Sale – Volunteer Bakers are needed for a bake sale on December 8 to benefit Pack-a-Sack. Baked goods need to be wrapped and labeled. Sign up at the Welcome Table or call the office.

Daughters of the King – Next Sunday, December 8th during the 10 AM service we will induct our newest members of Daughters of the King.

Christmas Flowers & Music – Donations are now being accepted toward special music and flowers for our Christmas services. To donate, either fill out an envelope located in the pews and front/rear of the church or fill out the online form. Please print names clearly. Deadline for donations is December 15. Minimum recommended donation amount is \$25. A listing of names will be included in all Christmas bulletins.

Blue Christmas – Our annual Blue Christmas service will be December 11 at 6pm. Join us for a contemplative service of lessons, songs and meditations.

Carol Sing – Join the Bells of Hope for the 9th Annual Carol Sing on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm. Sing along to your favorite carols and enjoy the beauty of the season.

Soul Sisters - The December meeting of the Soul Sisters will take place on Saturday, December 21 at 10 AM in Kirk Hall. All women of the parish are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

COGS Christmas Services –

December 24 @ 5 PM – Family Christmas Eve Service and Plug-In Pageant – Live Streamed
December 24 @ 9 PM – Candlelight Christmas Service – Live Streamed (Music begins at 8:30 PM)

December 25 @ 10 AM – Christmas Day Service (Note: incense will be used for this service.)

Farm Worker Christmas – Every year Farmworker Self Help/Resurrection House Mission in Dade City gives Christmas gifts to over 200 families. You may purchase gifts and leave them in the bins at church and in Kirk Hall. We are also collecting used blue jeans in good condition. Or if you prefer, send a check made out to COGS noted “Farm Worker Fund” and we will shop for you. See website for full list of gift suggestions. Last date for collection is Sunday, Dec. 15.

Christmas Angel Tree –Our Angel tree will be up on Sunday, December 1st following both services. Each ornament on our Angel tree will have a child’s age and a specific gift for that child. We ask that you select a tag off this tree. Please wrap and return your gift on or before Sunday, December 8th. “If you are able to help, you will help to make a difference for a child this Christmas.