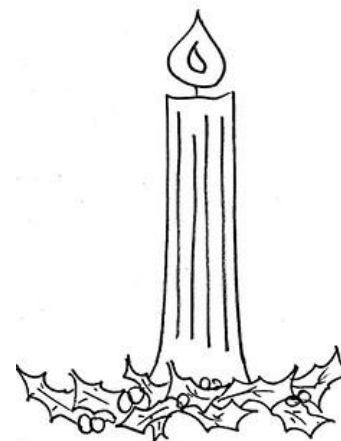


First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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

Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Masks are recommended, but not required.

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 request one 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.

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

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

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

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT - HOPE

Leader At every beginning there is a yearning.

People **O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.**

Leader Awaken our hearts to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable.

People **O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.**

Leader We welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

People **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

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

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

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

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 2...*

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!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

Lector *We will read responsively Psalm 122...*

Lector I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Lector Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

People **To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.**

Lector For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

People **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

Lector Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

People **For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.**

Lector Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 13...*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Please stand.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

Please be seated.

NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Deacon Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Lector Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,
and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which
we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and
godly love. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding
Bishop; Dabney and Douglas, our Bishops; Barry and Michael, our Assisting
Bishops; Whitney, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; to our companion diocese of the
Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; St. Luke's, Fort
Myers; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. Mark's,
Tampa; St. Mark's, Venice; St. Martin's, Hudson; and to all priests, deacons, and the
laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true

and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and in honor and memory of the life of Dorothy Miller, mother of Maureen Belote. We also thank God for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Troy Abell, Patrick Brinsko, Robin Megel, Linda Wells, and Lynne Lloveras, God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

People **AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand.

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

People **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE *Please stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Deacon As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

People **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant (*Here a proper preface is read.*)

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand, as you choose.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Celebrant and People **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

Celebrant By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand.

Celebrant

People Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God!

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Crucifer/Chalicer	Tony Bowman
Lector	Edward Hopwood
Prayers of the People	Tony Bowman
Ushers	John Schmidt & Jay Harvey

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Nov 20 – Jill, Deirdre, Cindy M, Prudence, Tom, Miller, Mark, Margo, Brian, Will, Kady C, Bill GW, Glenn R, Jim, Marilyn, Sally, Liam, Jaidyn & Kyla, Dave B, Mike B, Daniel S, Sally F, Edith, David, Paul, Chris, Tyler, Joyce W, Ally, Milly & Brian L, People of Ukraine, Olena & family, Heather S, Colette S, Lou F, Bill V & family, Betty G, Christopher J, Joe P, Brent S, Marcia K, Beth T, Juliet, Chris, Bob, Cindy M, Elliot T, Zeus, Michelle, Christy A, the Aramburu family, Delaney.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Troy Abell, Patrick Brinsko, Robin Megel, Linda Wells, and Lynne Lloveras.

Announcements

Advent Study: Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season will begin today and last through the 4 weeks of Advent between services at 9:15 am.

Spaghetti Dinner: You are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner benefiting Dunedin Cares! Join us for live music, great fellowship, and great food on Dec. 9 at 6:00 pm! We are asking for pre-registrations. Tickets are \$15 and are available at cogsdunedin.com. All ticket sales will go to benefit Dunedin Cares. Donations for beverages will benefit the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Farm Worker Christmas Gifts: Every year Farm Worker Self-Help and Resurrection House Mission in Dade City gives Christmas gifts to over 200 farm worker families. You may purchase gifts and bring them to bins at the church and in Kirk Hall through December 14th, or 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.

Holiday Craft Sale: Last chance to buy some unique handmade items for those special Christmas gifts. The COGS crafters will be holding the final 2022 sale on December 4 after the 8 and 10 o'clock services. We still have original art, quilts, wall hangings, table runners, totes, ornaments, greeting cards and many other items. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn after the 10am service.

Quilt Raffle - COGS crafters are selling raffle tickets for the gorgeous "Four Star General" quilt until the December 4 raffle date. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the diocesan hurricane relief fund.

COGS Christmas Services:

Wednesday, Dec 14 @ 6 pm – Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, Dec 24 @ 5 pm – Family Christmas Eve Service and Plug-in Pageant – Live Streamed

Saturday, Dec 24 @ 9 pm – Candlelight Christmas Service – Live Streamed (Music begins at 8:30 pm)

Sunday, Dec 25 @ 10 am – Christmas Day Service (Note: incense will be used for this service.)

Christmas Flower and Music Donations: Donations are now being accepted toward special music programming and flowers for our Christmas services. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the front or rear of the church on Sundays, or through the link on the COGS website. Donation deadline is Thursday, Dec 15. Minimum donation is \$25.00.