

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023

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

Advent Trilogy

Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Bells of Hope with Adrienne Clover, Flute

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

LYONS

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

(all singing)

**The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and swell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.**

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ENTRANCE HYMN H-65

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

**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.
Oh, blest is Christ that 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.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy Name.**

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy Name.**

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.

(sing responsively)

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... 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..*All* **Amen.****THE WORD OF GOD***The people sit.***THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 40...*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the

Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85

MELITA

(all singing)

**Lord, you have lavished on your land amazing blessings from your hand,
restored us from captivity and pardoned our iniquity.**

In grace you caused your wrath to turn; you did not let your anger burn.

To all his saints, the Lord speaks peace; his faithful love and care increase.

He shares his grace with open hand to spread his glory through our land.

Salvation from the Lord is near to all who trust the Lord in fear.

Then love will meet with faithfulness; God's righteousness and peace will kiss.

As righteousness smiles down from heaven, great harvests to our land are giv'n.

With God all righteousness abides; his truth and justice are our guides.

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Second Peter chapter 3....*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Paul Hillebrand

(all sing the refrain twice, the choir sings the verse)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Choir: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (**Refrain**)

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

Deacon The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

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

Form II – BCP 385

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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSIOIN & ABSOLUTION:

Please kneel or stand as able.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

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.**

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 The Shepherd's Pipe Carol Diane Hannibal and Roger Thornhill
Adrienne Clover, Flute and Choir

THE PRESENTATION

All stand as able.

Deacon 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

VENI EMMANUEL

Em G C D⁷ G D G C G
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm⁷ Em Am Em B⁷ Em A⁷ D Em
 here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D⁷ G D Em Bm G
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D⁷ Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
 God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

All **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.
People **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 S-155

Gerald R. Near

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, 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

An Advent Prelude
Adrienne Clover, Flute

Charles Callahan

COMMUNION HYMN H-54

Savior of the Nations, Come!

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

**Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.**

**Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!**

**Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;
hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.**

**Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.**

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-67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

PSALM 42

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Jonathan Reuss

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Jackson Bond
Torch/Chalichists	Dan Depies & Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Maureen Belote & Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Ushers	Alan Mackay & Marc Jacobson
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel
Welcome Table	Robin Megel, Lynne Henderson, Anne Punch

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Dec 3 – Jeanne, Arlene, David, Bill GW, Chris, Fred F, Suzy, Jim, Marilyn, Sue V, Diane, Val, Nikki S, Karl W, Sloan, Johanna, Gerry B, Bonnie L, Bob H, Carol J, Frank M, Heather S, Colette S, Lou F, Diana S, Bob S, Olena & family, Milly L, Carol C, Anna C & family, Melinda & Dave, Jim W, Cindy A, Mandeville, Angella, Steve M, Tracey S, Mavis S, Enez P, Rob M, Jay O, Comet S, Adriana P, Lou W, Jodie R.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Marilyn Nalewajek, Bill Elmendorf, Noel Powell, Judy Ratliff, and Elena Goletz.

Anniversaries – Wayne & Jane Morris, Marc & Cathy Jacobson.

Announcements

Farm Worker Christmas Gifts: You may purchase gifts and leave them in the bins at church and in Kirk Hall. 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. 17.

Angel Tree: For those that took a name from the tree, please return gifts once purchased (wrapped, with the tag placed on the gift) to the church by TODAY.

Christmas Flower & Music Donations: Donations are now being accepted toward music and flowers for our Christmas Services. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the pews or rear of the church on Sundays, or see the link on the COGS website. Donation deadline is Thursday, Dec 14. Minimum donation is \$25.00.

Soul Sisters: December meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 AM in Kirk Hall. Please help by letting Elena or the office know if you can bring a dish to share. We will also be collecting feminine hygiene products for “Support the Girls” or non-perishable food for Dunedin Cares.

Carol Sing: Please join Bells of Hope on Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 4 PM to enjoy the music of the season.

Greening of the Church: Join us on Dec 17 after the 10 AM service as we prepare our church for Christmas.

Music of the Season: Tom Huffman will give an Advent organ recital at St. Anne of Grace Episcopal Church on Tuesday, December 12 at Noon. This half hour program is sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The church address is 6650 113th St. Seminole.

Prayer Quilt: Please tie a knot and say a prayer over the quilt located in the rear of the church.

COGS Christmas Services:

Wednesday, Dec 13 @ 6 PM – Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, Dec 24 @ 9 AM – Advent 4 Service (Not a Christmas Service)

Sunday, Dec 24 @ 5 PM – Family Christmas Eve Service and Plug-In Pageant – Live Streamed

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

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