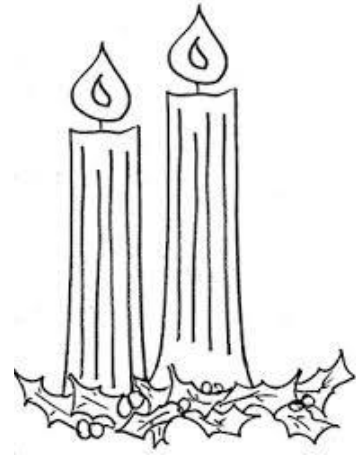


# Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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## 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.

**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

## 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.)*

## 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... 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

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

*Lector*        *The First Reading is taken from Malachi chapter 3...*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 16

Luke 1:68-79

*Lector*        *We will read responsively from Canticle 16...*

*Lector*        Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

*People*        **He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**

*Lector*        that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

*People*        **He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

*Lector*        This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

*People*        **Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

*Lector*        You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

*People*        **To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

*Lector*        In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

*People*        **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Lector*        Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## THE SECOND READING

Phillippians 1:3-11

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from Phillipians chapter 1...*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

*Please stand.*

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

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

*Celebrant*    In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

**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.*

*Celebrant* 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 Sean, our Presiding  
Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; to our companion diocese of the  
Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; St. Mary's, Bonita  
Springs; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. John's, Naples; St. Monica's, Naples; St. Paul's,  
Naples, and Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples; 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 for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Andrea Zahn, Marilyn Nalewajek, Bill Elmendorf, Noel Powell, Bonnie Bond and for the anniversaries of Jane & Wayne Morris. 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.*

*Celebrant* 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

*Celebrant* 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* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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, 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.

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**

Savior of the Nations, Come

Jacob B. Weber

## **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 announces the blessing.*

*People* **Amen.**

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

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## **VOLUNTARY**

Joyous Hymn Setting on HYFRYDOL

Jonathan Reuss

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Chalicer	Brettan Dickie
Lector	Barbara Groff
Prayers of the People	Brettan Dickie
Ushers	Bob DeStefano & Ed Steponaitis

### Prayers are requested for:

**The Week of Dec 1** – Marc J, Christopher J, Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Sara M, Priscilla & Tony B, Gene & Maureen B, Mandeville P, Michelle & Family, Kathy W & Gerry B, Peter & Donna B, Jim C, Janet S, Josephine, Jen E, Bill GW, Debra F, Brian, Emi, Jim, Marilyn, Don H, Bob & Karen, Olena & Family, Bob S, Anne C, Milly L, Karen K & Family, Bonnie L, Michelle B, Gerry B, Colette S, Billy V, Paul B, Maggie, Edna, Cathy, Skye & Family, Jodi, Barb, Ron L, Dolores C, Kipling

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Andrea Zahn, Marilyn Nalewajek, Bill Elmendorf, Noel Powell, Bonnie Bond

**Anniversaries** – Jane & Wayne Morris

### Announcements

**Craft & Quilt Sale** – COGS Quilters will be offering a special holiday sale on today, 9am – 1pm. Check off your gift list and support Pack-a-Sack.

**Bake Sale** – Today is our bake sale to benefit Pack-a-Sack.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Brunch will be served.

**Hot Cocoa with Santa** – Santa will be stopping at Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 22 after the 10 AM service. Hot cocoa and festive treats will be available.

### 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.