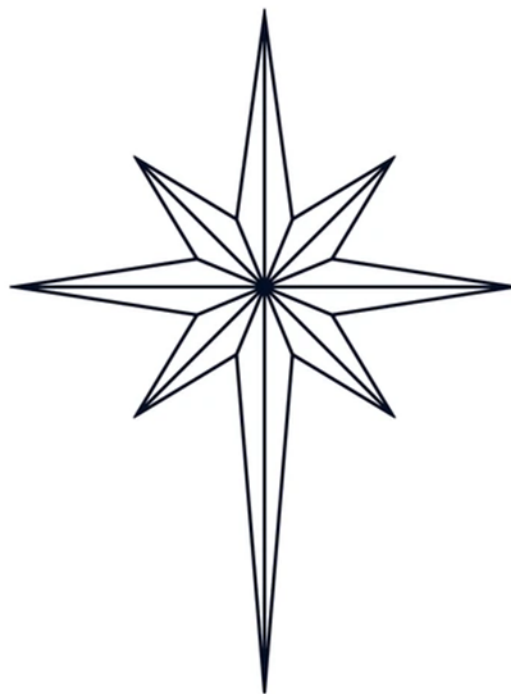


THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



639 Edgewater Drive • Dunedin, FL 34698
(727) 733-4125 • Pastoral Care Number: (727) 275-0257
www.COGSDunedin.com
E-Mail the church office: info@cogsdunedin.com

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

Our Sunday 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.

All music is reprinted and streamed with permission under OneLicense account #A-711594.

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.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Comfort, Comfort Now My People
Moderato—Gently—Tenderly—Joyfully

Jonathan Reuss

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Choir

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

—Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Daughters of the King

ENTRANCE HYMN H-57

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

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.

All singing; repeat after the solo each time:

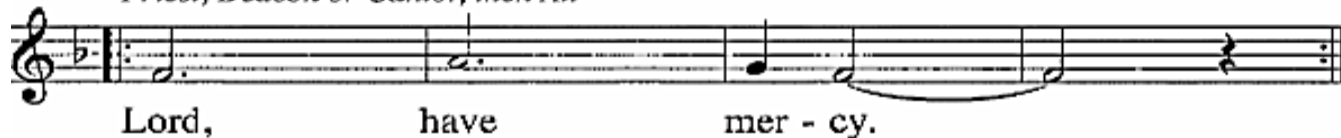
Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All



Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All



Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All



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

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

Hal H. Hopson

All sing this refrain, choir sings the verses

Refrain



Zi - on, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

With joy I heard my friends exclaim: "Come let us in God's temple meet,"
Within your gates, O Zion blest shall ever stand our willing feet.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

How beautiful does Zion stand, a city built compact and fair;
The people of the Lord unite with joy and praise to worship there.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

They come to learn the will of God, to pay their vows God's grace to own,
For there is judgment's royal seat, Messiah's sure and lasting throne.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

For Zion's peace let prayers be made; may all that love you prosper well!
Within your walls let peace abide, and gladness with your children dwell.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. **(Refrain)**

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 ACCLAMATION

All stand as able.

John Schiavone

All sing this refrain; choir sings the verse:



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

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Kathy Walter

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 worshipped 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 Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. 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 Patrick Brinsko, Robin Megel, Linda Wells, Lynne Lloveras, Gidget DiRienz, Betty Lombardo, and Marianne de la Vega.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*), give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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. 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 Comfort, Comfort Now My People arr. Aaron David Miller
Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN

VENI EMMANUEL

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

PICARDY

**Holy, holy, holy, reigning God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, All creation seeks your light!
Bless-ed is the one who comes in your name. Bless-ed be the Lord most high!**

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.

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

Paul Hillebrand

All echo the last short phrase of the cantor

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
(all echo) have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
(all echo) have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace,
(all echo) 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

Hymn Prelude on JEFFERSON

David Schelat

COMMUNION HYMN

View the Present through the Promise

AR HYD Y NOS

View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.

Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.

**Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing
in the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.**

Probe the present with the promise, Christ will come again.

Let your daily actions witness, Christ will come again.

**Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving
be sign to all the living: Christ will come again.**

Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.

Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.

**Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating
to the advent you are waiting: Christ will come again.**

--text by Thomas H. Troeger (1945-2022)

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-68

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

LLANGOFFAN

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!

The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch with expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.

The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

You are invited to remain and listen to the final act of worship, the closing Voluntary.

VOLUNTARY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Michael Burkhardt

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays – Patrick Brinsko, Robin Megel, Linda Wells, Lynne Lloveras, Gidget DiRienz,
Betty Lombardo, and Marianne de la Vega

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

Laura G, Dan S, Stacy H, Jeff N, Connie, Linda, Chuck S, Maggie and Colin, The Keelers, Chloe J, Sean E, Ashley K, Dave M, Carol C, Tony B, the people of Jamaica in the wake of Hurricane Melissa, Danial B, Alison W, Pat B, Liz N, Elaine H, David Q, Sarah R, David B, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Enez P, Bob S, James G, Millicent L, Lynne H, Butch N, Mary Ann W, Mara S and family, Maureen B, Helen Marie, Bonnie S, Gloria S, Bill G, Priscilla B, Indra E, the people of Ukraine, Jim T, Mark and Maryellen, and Kam M.

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Kathy Walter
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Cantor	Brody Holland
Crucifer	Ashley Kilroy
Torch/Chalicists	Laura McGary and Tammi Wrest
Lectors	Sheila Scott and Ryan Stollenmaier
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Jim and Mary Ratliff
	Alan Mackay and Marc Jacobson
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	John and Sheila Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quilt and Craft Sale – next Sunday, December 7 from 9 AM - 12 noon in Kirk Hall. Proceeds and donations will support Pack-a-Sack, a weekend feeding program for Dunedin and San Jose Elementary schools. Good Shepherd's Pack-A-Sack ministry provides weekend food to more than 100 food insecure children each week.

Fifth Sunday Feast, Greening of Kirk Hall, & Advent Wreath Crafting – today after each service. All are invited to participate in our festive, seasonal activities! We will have DIY Advent Wreath supplies available and will begin adding greenery and Chrismons (gold and white symbols of Christ ornaments) to Kirk Hall. Many hands make light work of this joyous opportunity.

Farm Worker Collection – we are gathering gifts for farm workers and their families in our area. Please donate toys, toiletries, rice and beans, and other shelf-stable food.

Christmas Music & Flowers – To donate for our Christmas services, use the special envelopes found in the church pews. The deadline is Sunday, December 14th.

Advent Organ Recital – will be on Tuesday, December 2nd, at noon at St Alfred's. Thomas Huffman, our organist, will perform a half-hour program for the Advent-Christmas season.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – Sunday, December 14th at 4 PM at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church, 1601 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor. Presented by the combined choirs of St. Alfred's and Good Shepherd, led by Kevin Johnson and Thomas Huffman. This service includes scripture lessons, carols, and anthems that retell the story of humankind's fall from grace, the old testament prophecy of a promised Messiah, the Annunciation, the Birth of Jesus, and the adoration of the shepherds and the magi. A little Advent party will follow the service.

Regular Meetings:

Game Night – second Fridays (December 12th) at 6 PM in the Patio Room.

Wednesday Bible study - from 2 to 3:30 in the lounge; studying the book of Hebrews.

Cursillo Meeting – every 3rd Sunday after both services.

Youth Group – second Sundays (December 14th) at 11:30 AM in the Youth Room.

Daughters of the King – fourth Sundays meeting at 11:30 AM to 1 PM in the lounge.

Soul Sisters - Saturday, December 20 at 10 A.M. in Kirk Hall. Our refreshments will be a light brunch and there will be a white elephant gift exchange and other games. All who are interested in participating in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.00. The gift exchange is completely voluntary. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting. Rev. Kathy Walter will join the group and will lead us in songs as she plays her guitar! In order to assure that we have sufficient food, please RSVP to Elena Goletz.