



ST. HELENA'S

— ANGLICAN —

The First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 2025
10:30 am

Welcome!

Whether you are visiting or looking for a new church home,
we rejoice that you are here to worship with us today.

Please take a moment to connect with us so that we might
welcome you more personally. Please scan the QR code below or
sign our online guestbook at www.sthelenas1712.org/guestbook.

We look forward to saying hello!



Nursery: Children ages kindergarten and older are encouraged
to worship with their families in the church.

A nursery is available in Tyndale Hall for children
ages 4 and under during the 10:30 am service.

An usher can direct you to Tyndale Hall.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary

Choral Introit

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland
Savior of the Nations, Come
The Parish Choir

Procession Hymn 1

Stuttgart
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

BCP, page 106

The Summary of the Law

BCP, page 106

Kyrie

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on

us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (*Remain standing*)

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of God's word.

Psalm 122 (to be read responsively)

¹ I was glad when they said unto me, *

“We will go into the house of the Lord.”

² Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city *

that is at unity in itself.

⁴ For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, *

as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

⁵ For there is the throne of judgment, *

even the throne of the house of David.

⁶ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; *

they shall prosper that love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls *

and plenteousness within your palaces.

⁸ For my brethren and companions' sakes, *

I will wish you prosperity.

⁹ Indeed, because of the house of the Lord our God, *

I will seek to do you good.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible, page 567

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn and remain standing
through the reading of the Gospel.*

Gradual Hymn 4

Helmsley

Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:29-44

Pew Bible, Page 830

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Twig Sargent

The Nicene Creed

BCP, page 109

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from
the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 (*Kneeling or seated as you are able*)

Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying, “Hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For Archbishop Steve and Bishop Chip, for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, and for Camp Jubilee. Most merciful Father, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us: for life and health and safety, for strength to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in human life; but above all we thank you for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach, disciple, and plant churches, especially for our Gospel community on Fripp, our daughter church at Habersham, and our church planter, Daniel Miles and his family.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith and for all of our mission partners, especially Fred and Sophia Onyango, Zach and Noelle Slagel in Cambodia, Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico, Steve and Sarah Hoskins in Maine, and Peng our Seminarian.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For the care and keeping of all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, defend them day by day with your heavenly grace.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin

BCP, page 112

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution of Sin

BCP, page 113

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
Philippians 2:5-7

Offertory Anthem

arr. David Wilcocks (1919-2015)

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

The Parish Choir

Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Liturgy of the Table

The Sursum Corda

BCP, page 115

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal, 764

Kneeling or seated as you are able

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP, page 116

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 118

The Fraction

BCP, page 118

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

***We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but
you are the same Lord whose character is always to have
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh
of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that
our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our
souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we
may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

During Communion

Congregation, please join in singing:

Agnus Dei

Hymnal, 765

Communion Anthem

arr. Larry Sue

Savior of the Nations, Come
The Handbell Ensemble

Hymn 7

Veni Emmanuel

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn 22

Passion Chorale

O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

Hymn 3

Richmond

Hark! The Glad Sound!

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP, page 121

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

BCP, page 121

Procession Hymn 390

Truro

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Voluntary

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 7– Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am– Traditional Worship in the Church
- 9:15 am– Contemporary Worship in the Parish Hall
- 10:30 am– Traditional Worship in the Church

Sunday, December 14– Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am– Traditional Worship in the Church
- 9:15 am– Contemporary Worship in the Parish Hall
- 10:30 am– Lessons and Carols in the Church
- 5:30 pm– Story of the Season in the Church

Sunday, December 21– Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am– Traditional Worship in the Church
- 9:15 am– Contemporary Worship in the Parish Hall
- 10:30 am– Traditional Worship in the Church

Christmas Eve Services

- 3:30 pm–Contemporary Worship with Children’s Pageant
in the Parish Hall
- 5:30 pm–Traditional Worship with Brass Instrumentalists
in the Church
- 8:00 pm–Traditional Worship with Brass Instrumentalists
in the Church
- 10:00 pm–Traditional Candlelight Worship in the Church

Sunday, December 28

- 9:15 am– Contemporary Worship in the Parish Hall
- 10:30 am– Traditional Worship in the Church
(No 8:00 service)

Thursday, January 1, 2026

- 10:00 am– Feast of the Holy Name Service in the Church

Announcements

All mid-week activities resume this week. The WASH menu is mixed vegetable soup and grilled cheese sandwiches.

Advent Worship Bags- Advent Worship Bags are still available in the Parish Hall lobby. Each bag includes everything you need for daily at-home worship throughout Advent. Advent devotionals will also be for sale, and you can pick up a fun family-friendly Advent recipe to try together.

Advent Prayer & Pilates - Ladies, join us for our beloved Advent Prayer & Pilates beginning this Tuesday, December 2nd, at 9 am in the Latimer room. You will be led through both Pilates movements and meditative scripture/prayers that will still your heart and soul during this Advent season. Chairs will be available for those not wishing to practice on a mat. A nursery will be available! There is no fee, but if you wish to donate a 5-pack of resistance bands, Martha Kester will be delivering them to Good Neighbor Medical clinic where she helps assist patients.

HELP of Beaufort food collection is next Sunday, December 7.

In November you filled the HELP van!! Thank you and please respond as generously as you are able. There will be collection bins at all services. What a wonderful way to Love your Neighbor during this season of Advent!

Poinsettias- If you would like to place a memorial or thanksgiving poinsettia in the church for Christmas, please use the QR code below to place your order or pick up an order form in the narthex or Parish Hall lobby. The deadline to order is Monday, December 15.





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High altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Claude Dinkins in memory of Cathy Dinkins.

Side altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Phil and Lucy Charpie in thanksgiving for their granddaughter,
Hannah Marie Charpie.

This Week's Prayer List

Please pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:

For those in our parish family: Richard and Doris Bland, Eleanore Brough, Sam and Nancy Chesnutt, Carroll Crowther, Mary Lou Cullen, Jim Egan, Frank Giammona, Lynn Gibson, Chris Goodson, Beth Grace, Leila Harris, Henderson Family, Bill Johnston, Bonnie Markle, Caroline Milne, Ed Moneagle, Dee Moss, Margy Oehlert, Jo Panayotoff, Rod Parker, John Payne, Bev Peutz, Chuck and Annie Pollak, Fran Sanders, Ric Schwank, Tommy Schwank, Marcia and Rich Seymour, Hamp Simkins, Nelle Smith, Ed and Sandy Stephan, and Carla Stout.

For extended family or friends of our parish family: William Acker, Steele and Stephanie Anderson, Rev. Paul Anobile, Sandy Ballington, Julie (Hyle) Bleier, Dora Bonetti, Wendy Burchfield, Joyce Carr, David Carter family, Tad and Katie Carver, Chloe Clark, Joesph Credle, Leslie Custer, Lisa Duress, Lederle Eberhardt, Susan Eitnier, **Anne and Suzanne Finch**, Finley, Good Shepherd Academy in South Sudan, Pat Gould, David Hagins, Anita Hammerbeck, Jason Hamshaw, Barbara Harper, Bray Hefner, Hanna Irby, Shanna Jackson, David Kinlaw, Carolyn Lyson, Macynski Family, Cameron Martin, Zoran and Annie Misic, Tom Moore, Linda Morris, Sandra Myrick, Steve Ninemire, Fran Norman, Sienna Perez, Debbie Pollak, Pete Pratt, Doug Pulsifer, Bill Rector, Connie Brooks Rettig, Joseph Ritchie Sr, Christian Rooney, Todd Roseneau, Linda Seigler, Frank and Becci Seuberling, Connie Chesnutt Simmons, Lisa Spera, Shanna Sullivan, Tom Truman, Lucus Vanderzee, Carolyn Vitolo, Taylor Ward, Reed Watts, Terry Whitehead, and the Young Life Ministry.

For these expectant parents: Morgan and Beau Brown, Reagan and Stafford Carter, and Laura and John Wise.

For all our U.S. service members defending our country, especially the following who are deployed overseas: Connor Brazinski, Trey Crowley, and Flannery Woodward Macynski.

For our global and local missionaries supported by St. Helena's: Fr. John Chol Daau and family in South Sudan; Philip in East Asia; Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico; Zach and Noelle Slagel in Cambodia; Fred and Sophia Onyango from Kenya, serving in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, and Allan and Theresa Weikel serving West Africa from Bluffton.

Names in bold were added this week. *Names on the prayer list are the initial communication to the clergy of a need for prayer. In order to keep the list current, names remain on the list for 30 days, unless illness is chronic. Expectant parents remain on the list until their children are born and deployed military until they return home. Please fill out an online Prayer Request form or call the church office at (843) 522-1712 to submit a prayer request and inform the clergy of hospitalizations. Updated 11/26/2025*

Participating in the Service:

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Emil Klatt III, Associate Rector
Twig Sargent, Pastoral Associate
The Rev. Jim Cato, Deacon
Eugenia Henderson, Music Ministry Assistant
The Parish Choir
The Handbell Ensemble
Kim Handy, Lector
Marge Barber, Barbara Hathaway, and John Barber, LEMs
Paul Smith, Sherwood Miler, Warren Parker, and Sam McGowan, Ushers

Our Vision

St. Helena's will boldly proclaim the saving Gospel and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and through intentional discipleship, will raise up servant leaders and Gospel communities in

Vestry Members

Class of 2025

Cindy Collins
Clyde Hinchey
Kelly Newnham
Hall Sumner

Class of 2026

Jim Egan
Helon Hrushka
Heidi Smith
Kathy Whitehead

Class of 2027

Jeff Kidd
Sherwood Miler
Marjory Mitchell
Jeff Weart

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