



ST. HELENA'S

— ANGLICAN —

The Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 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: In Dulci Jubilo

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Choral Introit

Father eternal, Ruler of Creation Shaw(1879-1943)
The Parish Choir

Procession Hymn 20

Frue Dich Sehr

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

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The Summary of the Law

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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.

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*)

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Psalm 72:1-7 (*to be read responsively*)

¹ Give the King your judgments, O God, *

and your righteousness to the King's son.

² Then shall he judge your people with righteousness *

and defend the poor with justice.

³ The mountains also shall bring peace, *

and the little hills righteousness to the people.

⁴ He shall vindicate the poor among the people, *

defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.

⁵ They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

⁶ He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, *

even as showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish, *

even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.

First Reading: Romans 15:1-13

Pew Bible, page 949

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 13

Messiah

Prepare the Way, O Zion!

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible, Page 808

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Ken Weldon

The Nicene Creed

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***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. We especially pray for The Parish Church at Habersham and their clergy, The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, The Rev. Dr. Chris Seitz, The Rev. Joe Lawrence, Deacon Claudia Carucci, and Deacon Thad Bullock.

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, especially for Tommy Schwank and Guy McSweeney, 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

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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

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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

German 14th century

(harm. Bartholomew Gesius, 1601)

In Dulci Jubilo

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

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

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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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
7th Century French Carol
The Handbell Ensemble

Hymn 462*Divinum Mysterium*

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Hymn 387*Blaenwern*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The Post Communion Prayer

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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

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Procession Hymn 389

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelei

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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: Reflection on “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

John Carter (1932-1981)

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

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

Legacy Ministry Lunch and Learn this Tuesday, December 9, at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. No reservations are required.

Advent Prayer & Pilates - Ladies, join us for our beloved Advent Prayer & Pilates beginning this Tuesday 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.

Join us for the final WASH of the season this Wednesday.
The menu this week is pizza and salad.

Advent Drop-in at the Rectory (1109 Craven Street) this Friday, December 12, from 5-7 pm.

Story of the Season next Sunday, December 14, at 5:30 pm in the church. Come experience the story of Christ's incarnation and return through music, scripture, storytelling, and the arts.

Poinsettia Orders– 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.



The Rite of Christian Burial

Richard Thomas Schwank

Son of Ric and Suzanne Schwank

Guy Porcher McSweeney

Husband of Mary Jane McSweeney and Father of Brooks Thomas

High altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Dean Hewitt in loving memory of Alice Hewitt.

Side altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Beth Grace in thanksgiving for Gene Grace,
Heath Simmons and Chilton Grace Simmons.

The Paschal Candle wreath is given to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for the partners of the clergy and staff of St. Helena's
for their unwavering support of the work of the church.

The front door Advent wreaths are given to the glory of God
by Andy and Elinor Borgert
in thanksgiving for their children and parents.

The side door Advent wreaths are given to the glory of God
by Fran and Gray Sanders in thanksgiving for their grandchildren,
Tyler, Sanders and Gibson O'Neal, Taylor, Harper and LG Squires,
and Collins, Gray, Ann Gray, Scottie and Davis Sanders.

The Parish Hall door Advent wreaths are given to the glory of God
by Eleanor and Ken Burns in loving memory of
Alline Burns, Carew Rice III and Eleanor Cain Stutler.

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, Marcia and Rich Seymour, Hamp Simkins, Nelle Smith, Ed and Sandy Stephan, Carla Stout, and **Shirley Sutton.**

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, Ann and Suzanne Finch, Finley, Good Shepherd Academy in South Sudan, Pat Gould, **Sue Green**, David Hagins, Anita Hammerbeck, Jason Hamshaw, Barbara Harper, Bray Hefner, Hanna Irby, Shanna Jackson, David Kinlaw, **Georgia Linam**, 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, **Chase Sullivan**, 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 12/03/2025

Participating in the Service:

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector
The Rev. Ken Weldon, Executive Director, Camp Jubilee
The Rev. Hunter Jordan, Associate Rector
The Rev. Keith O'Neal, Deacon
Holton Johnson, Director of Music Ministry
Eugenia Henderson, Music Ministry Assistant
The Parish Choir
The Handbell Ensemble
Mary Lee Carns, Lector
Mark Benford, Larry Hofmann, and Paul Cash, LEMs
Warren Parker, Pete Palmer, and Sport Lewis, 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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