

December 14, 2025
9am & 11am
Advent III



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Service of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle

9am Service: Darrell, Carol, and Connor Hastings

11am Service: Maggie Hales, Connor Hastings,

Amelia Knopp, Alberto Reategui, and Joel Sauder

Processional Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you!

Let us seek the Lord while He may be found and call on Him while He is near!

Surely the Lord is coming soon! **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise

Savior of the Nations, Come!

Verse 1

Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son make here Your home.

Marvel now, both heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)

Verse 2

Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the vict'ry won.

Boundless shall Your kingdom be, grant that we its glories see.

Gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, You sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that today the gospel may be faithfully preached and humbly received, so that our hearts may receive Your grace and we may be found acceptable in Christ when You come again to judge the world with grace and truth; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading - Hosea 11:1-4, 8-11

(please be seated)

¹ "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ² But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. ³ It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them. ... ⁸ "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboiim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused. ⁹ I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I turn and devastate Ephraim. For I am God, and not man – the Holy One among you. I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰ They will follow the Lord; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west. ¹¹ They will come trembling like birds from Egypt, like doves from Assyria. I will settle them in their homes," declares the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading - Titus 3:3-7

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

(please stand)

The God Of Abraham Praise

Verse 1

The God of Ab'ram praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred Name, forever blest.

Verse 2

The God of Ab'ram praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at His right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
and Him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 23:37-39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. ³⁸ Look, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Hymn (cont.)

Verse 3

He by Himself hath sworn, I on His oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face, I shall His pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of His grace forevermore.

Verse 4

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

Sermon - Hosea 11:1-4, 8-11

Rev. David Drake

The Message of Hosea: God's Heart Toward Us

The Nicene Creed

(please stand)

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.

Prayers of the People

(please sit or kneel)

Father, thank You for Your great love for us and for hearing Your people when we pray.

Please help every member of Your Church family to truly know and humbly serve You;

That Your Name may be known and glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders in the Church;

That they may be faithful ministers of the Gospel and humble servants of Your people.

We pray for Light of Christ Anglican Church in Heathsville, VA; St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Towson, MD; and Grace Fellowship Church in Timonium, MD; **That You would guide, strengthen, and sustain the churches in our diocese and in Baltimore.**

We pray for our ministry partners: Baltimore Sports Academy and Anglican Frontier Mission; **That You would equip and bless them to fulfill their mission, serve Your people, and build Your kingdom.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in Tunisia, Qatar, and Bhutan, and for those who persecute Your people; **That the afflicted may be strengthened and their oppressors turned to You.**

Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others, and give thanks for the blessings of this life, either silently in your heart or aloud for the congregation to hear.

Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as You know and love us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, beginning with silent, personal confession.

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.

Absolution and Peace

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 peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** *(please stand)*

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Offertory

And the Glory of the Lord (from *Messiah*) - G.F. Handel - Choir

Doxology

(please stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 He 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' 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 we have through faith 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 forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

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. Apart from Your grace, 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.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860 87. 87. 87

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds **Chorus**

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign **Chorus**

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. **Chorus**

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Chorus**

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast **Chorus**

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last **Chorus**

Post Communion Prayer

(please stand)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Now go forth into the world in peace. Be on your guard; hold fast to that which is good. Stand firm in the faith; render no one evil for evil. Strengthen the weak, comfort the afflicted. Be courageous; do everything in love. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the Love of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Upcoming Events

Church of the Resurrection
Saturday, December 20, 9:30am-11:30am

ADVENT RETREAT DAY



In a busy time of preparing for Christmas, Res wants to give you a few hours to be still and "let your heart prepare him room." Join us in the Chapel as we reflect on Advent and the meaning of Christmas. Childcare is provided

Christmas Flower Donations

In Honor or In Memoriam Donations
by Tuesday, December 16



Christmas Eve Worship Services

3:00PM

FAMILY SERVICE
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM &
HOLY COMMUNION

**ResKids for Ages 0-4*
Fellowship to Follow

6:00PM

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
FULL BRASS & HOLY COMMUNION
Musical Prelude to Begin at 5:40pm

**ResKids for Ages 0-5 and K-5th*
Fellowship to Follow

9:00PM

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
FULL BRASS & HOLY COMMUNION
Musical Prelude to Begin at 8:30pm

**No ResKids*
Celebration to Follow

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am Worship Service
with Communion and Baptism

**Children in Service, No ResKids*

Service Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

10AM Worship

**Full ResKids Programming*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9AM and 11AM Worship

**Full ResKids Programming*

Wednesday Noonday Prayer resumes January 7th

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OCTOBER 2025 GIVING UPDATE

Income: \$124,554 | Expense: \$120,206 | Balance: \$4,348 operational surplus

Fiscal Year (July 1 – October 31)

Income: \$490,819 | Expense: \$507,711 | Balance: (\$16,892) operational deficit