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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025 • 10 AM Rite II

St. Michael's Welcomes You!

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Whether you are visiting with us for the first time today or if St. Michael's is your home, we welcome you and are glad you are joining us for worship. Wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, we invite you to continue to explore a deeper relationship with God and a stronger spiritual life.

Sunday Worship and Education Schedule

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

9:00 a.m. **St. Michael's Jr. (LIFT) | Sturtz House** (*summer hours vary*)

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

10:00 a.m. **Sunday School | Visit** stmichaelsbarrington.org

6:30 p.m. **St. Michael's Sr. High (LIFT) | Sturtz House** (*as scheduled*)

Things to Remember

- When it is time for Holy Communion, walk up to the altar and stand or kneel at the altar rail.
- A digital version of this bulletin is available by visiting our website at www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/blog.

We also live-stream all services to Facebook and the parish website. This provides a way for everyone to worship with us, even if they are not comfortable returning in person. If you come up for communion, you will likely be seen in our online video by those worshipping at home.

Please visit our website at www.stmichaelsbarrington.org for more information and announcements.

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The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2025 | 10:00 AM | Rite II

PRELUDE | Concerto in G Major, 3rd Mvmt, W. A. Mozart, Amy Yang, flute

The bell will ring three times, inviting the congregation to stand.

The Word of God

Please stand as able.

OPENING HYMN | 76 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's cry, *Winchester New*

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

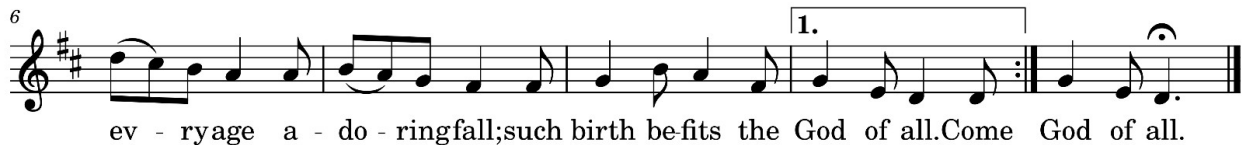
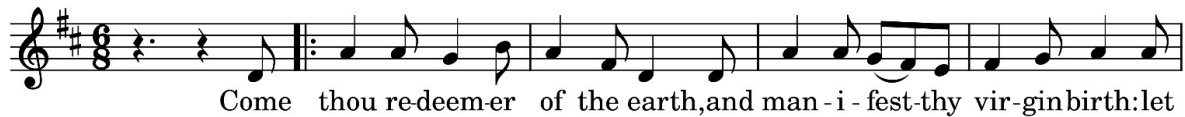
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Advent Candle Blessing

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)

Anthem at Lighting of the Advent Wreath: A Processional for Advent, Rachel Arons

1x unison, 2x as a round starting with St. Michael icon side.



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

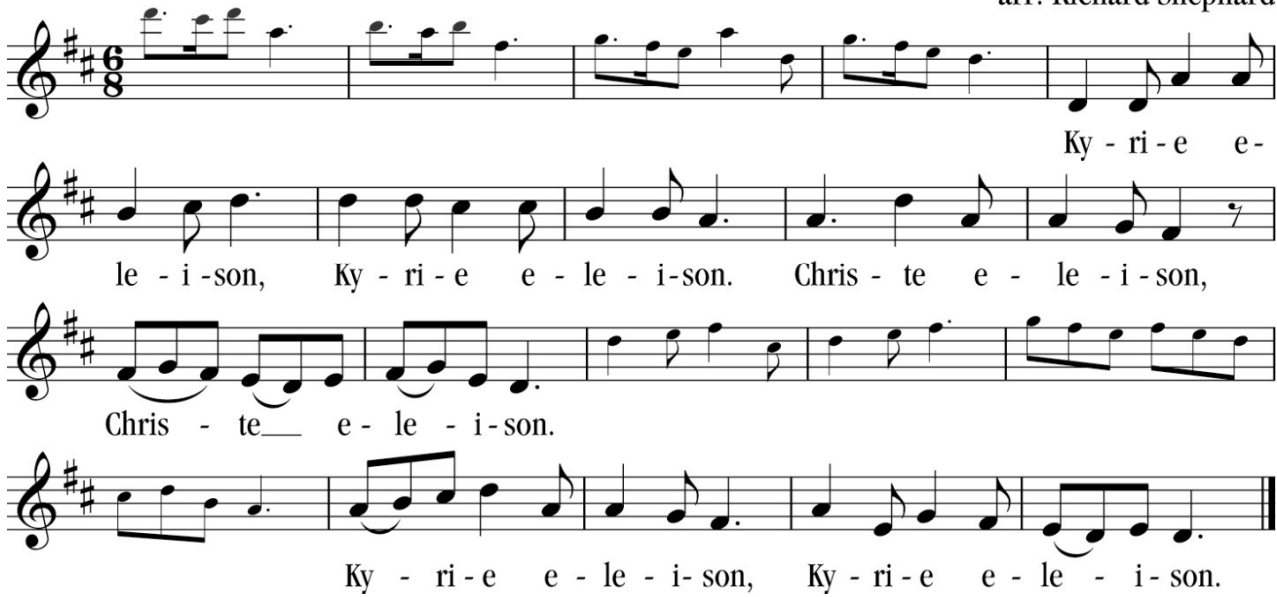
People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF PURITY | BCP 355

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard



Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, arranged by Richard Shephard. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING | Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:4-9 | *Lauda, anima mea*



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⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise forever;

⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger. **Antiphon**

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹The LORD shall reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **Antiphon**

THE SECOND READING | James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN | 67 Comfort, Comfort ye my people *Psalm 42*

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 11:2-11

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

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON | Father Ralph Osborne

Please stand and say together in unison.

THE NICENE CREED | Expanded Language

**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 became truly human.
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.
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, Form IV

Deacon or other Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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. We pray for Sarah, Archbishop-elect of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; Joseph, Archbishop of Upper Nile Province and Simon, Bishop of the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; our clergy: Ralph, Jim, Betsy, Tim and Judy.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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, especially Donald our president, J.B. our governor, and all those in authority around the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Forest Mayberry, Kelly Lensink. Gene Dawson, Jackie Kraus, Jeff Cross, Terri Longo, Caden Chan, Kathy Galliher, Judy Tammi, and Lorna Garcia.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them to the joy of your salvation, especially Heather, Carol, Helena, Brooke, Kara and Oliver, Sara, Steve, Kristen, Bob, Jesophine, Kathy, Braelyn, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, Ben, John, Teresa, Dolores and family, Mark, Kitty, Olivia and family, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty, and for all whom you alone know.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Remembering especially Jacqueline Marie Martin, Maribeth

Totten, Peter Forbes, Jean Treveiler, Barbara Mabbs, Bette Sue Thomasson, Scott Treveiler, Jr., John Dowling, Anthony Slone, and JoAnn Godfrey.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION | BCP 360

Deacon or Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

The priest stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All may greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | Prepare! Lloyd Larson

DOXOLOGY | Advent Doxology, *Irby*, arr. R.G. Huff

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, God's on - ly Son.
the new* - born

Praise the Spir - it, ev - er with us. Praise the God - head, Three in One.

Clear a path! Pre-pare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer A | Expansive Language

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is said.

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 | Holy Holy, St. James Service, Richard Shephard

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of
pow'r_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes
in the name_ of_ the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

The People Stand or Kneel:

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 give 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and 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**

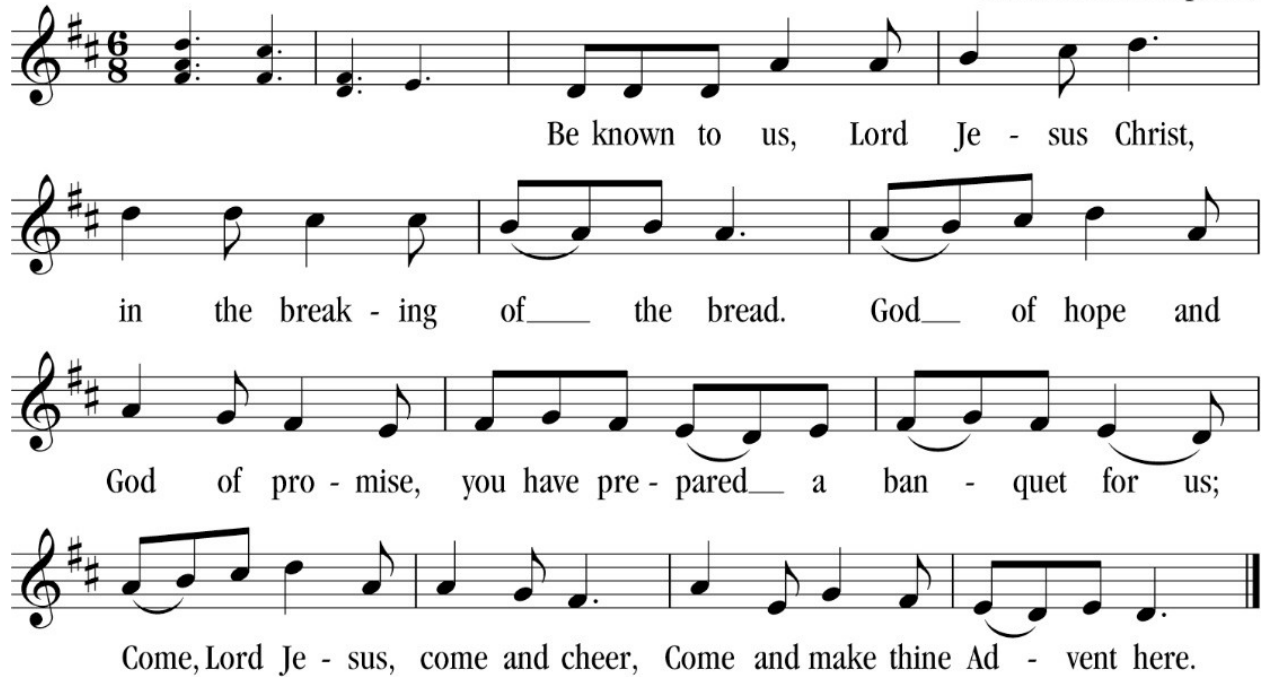
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Be Known To Us (Fraction Anthem) St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus Christ,
in the break - ing of the bread. God of hope and
God of pro - mise, you have pre - pared a ban - quet for us;
Come, Lord Je - sus, come and cheer, Come and make thine Ad - vent here.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail for Communion or a Blessing.

Celebrant: 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.

Please come forward to receive Communion, receiving the Bread while standing or kneeling at the altar rail. While receiving both the Bread and the Wine is tradition, receiving the Bread alone constitutes full participation in this Holy Communion, and includes all benefits of the Sacrament. (Gluten free Bread available upon request).

To also receive the Wine, you may remain at the altar rail to drink from the chalice; please do not dip or intinct the Bread into the Wine as fingers will contaminate the cup.

If you would like a blessing instead, cross your arms and the priest will bless you. If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability [or pandemic], is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP 457)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION | 615 "Thy Kingdom come!" on bended knee, St. Flavian

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (as needed)

Celebrant: In Christ's name and on behalf of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.**

Please kneel or stand as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Said by the Celebrant & People

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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | 72 Hark the glad sound, the Savior comes!, *Richmond*

DISMISSAL

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | Jerry Egger, organ

What's in *The Sword* this week?

(scan to sign up for the newsletter)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- **Sunday, Dec 21** | St. Nicholas Celebration: A festive gathering with food and brass.
- **Christmas Sale at the "And All The Angels" Gift & Book Shop:** Saturdays, Dec. 20th; and Sundays, Dec. 14th & 21st, 9 am until noon. Please note that we will be CLOSED on Wednesdays, Dec. 24th & 31st; and Saturday, Dec. 27th. Thank you for your support in 2025! We enjoyed another successful year, and will be donating all profits to women's and children's charities after our volunteers meet in January.
- **Christmas Eve Services** | 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Celebrate the birth of Christ with beautiful liturgies and music.
- **Christmas Day Eucharist** | 10:00 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Sundays 10:00 a.m.** | Children's Sunday School
- **Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.** | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study at the Sturtz House
- **Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.** | Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study via Zoom
- **Fridays at 6:00 a.m.** | Men's Fellowship meets in the Community Room

MONTHLY EVENTS

- **The second Friday of every month** | Prayer Shawl meets in the Library at 1:00 p.m.
- **Last Tuesday of every month** | Prayer Shawl meets in the Library at 6:30 p.m.
- **Third Wednesday of every month** | Book Club meets in the Library at 7:00 p.m.

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Heather, Carol, Helena, Brooke, Kara and Oliver, Sara, Steve, Kristen, Bob, Jesophine, Kathy, Braelyn, Denise, Doug, Sally, Mary, Ben, John, Teresa, Sarah, Dolores and family, Mark, Kitty, Olivia and family, Liam and family, Nancy, Caden, Dave, Brian, Barb and Steve, and Patty.

Birthdays

12/15 Forest Mayberry
12/16 Kelly Lensink
12/17 Gene Dawson
12/17 Jackie Kraus
12/18 Jeff Cross
12/18 Terri Longo
12/19 Caden Chan
12/19 Kathy Galliher
12/20 Judy Tammi
12/20 Lorna Garcia

Anniversaries

Remembrances

12/14 Jacqueline Marie Martin
12/15 Maribeth Totten
12/17 Peter Forbes
12/17 Jean Treveiler
12/18 Barbara Mabbs
12/19 Bette Sue Thomasson
12/19 Scott Treveiler, Jr.
12/19 John Dowling
12/20 Anthony Slone
12/20 JoAnn Godfrey

AT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preaching: Father Ralph Osborne

Presiding: Father Jim Swarthout

Deacon: Tim Murray

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