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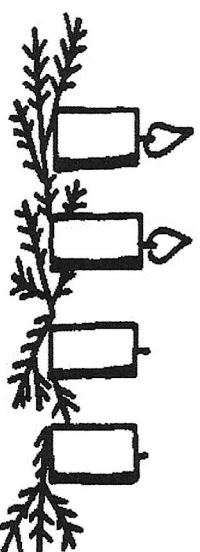
It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church to bring glory to God,
build the spirituality of our people, and bring Christ to our
community.

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The Second Sunday of Advent

and

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols



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December 10, 2023

10:00 AM

*Please keep silence in the church before the service,
and please turn off your cell phone.*

Organ Prelude

Procession “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*” Hymn 56

A Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and good will over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city of Spring Hill.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Welcome to our Visitors!

All visitors are invited to join us after the service for a light snack and to give us a chance to know one another. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

Announcements

Christmas Poinsettias will be available again this year. Please check with Linda Colmore regarding your orders. The price for each poinsettia will be \$25.00.

Giving to Grace: You may make a contribution to Grace Church online by scanning the code below with your smartphone.



Advent 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.*

Procession *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"* Hymn 59

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks Be to God.*

Postlude

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

Invitatory Carol *"Sleepers, Wake!"* Hymn 61

I Lessons
Genesis 1:1-5
John 1:1-5, 14

Carol *"Savior of the Nations Come!"* Hymn 54

II Lessons
Isaiah 61:1-3
Luke 4:16-21

Carol *"Hark! The Glad Sound!"* Hymn 72

III Lessons

Isaiah 40:1-11
Matthew 3:1-7, 11

Carol "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Hymn 67

IV Lessons
Isaiah 9:1-2, 6
Matthew 4:12-17

Carol "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hymn 66

V Lessons
Isaiah 7:10-14
Matthew 1:20-23

Hymn "The Angel Gabriel" Hymn 265

VI Lessons
Isaiah 42:5-9
Luke 2:25-32

Carol "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Collect for II Advent BCP, p. 211

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The Sermon The Rev. Sandy Herrmann

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence Celebrant

Offertory "Prepare the Way, O Zion!" Hymn 65

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Sanctus Hymn S125

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei Hymn S161

(All baptized persons are invited to receive communion. If you are not receiving communion, you are invited to come to the altar and cross your arms in front of you to indicate that you would like a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten free host.)

Communion Hymns

"Humbly I Adore Thee"

"For the Bread Which You have Broken"

Hymn 314

Hymn 341

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 366