



**December 4, 2022**  
**Advent 2**



**“To know Jesus and make Him known”**

#### **INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.*

*Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.*

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10:00 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 88** Come Though Long-expected  
Jesus

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Lighting of the Second Advent Candle* Tune: Away in a Manger

**A Candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

**Sentence:** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths  
straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.  
*Luke 3.4, 6*

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#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**All: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us,  
the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our  
disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come  
again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before  
his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

##### **1ST READING – Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the  
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall  
be glorious.

Reader The word of the Lord  
People **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (Please join the cantor in the refrain  
(Please remain seated)**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19



Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the  
King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the  
poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue  
the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the  
sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall  
come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water  
the earth. **R**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance  
of peace till the moon shall be no more. Blessed be the Lord  
God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And  
blessed be his glorious name for ever! and may all the earth be  
filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **R**

##### **2ND READING – Romans 15:4-13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our  
instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement  
of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of

steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name'; and again he says,  
'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';  
and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule  
the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

**GRADUAL HYMN # 103** On Jordan's Bank v.1-2

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 3:1-12** (All Stand)

**“Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.”**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these

stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

**“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”**

**GRADUAL HYMN # 103** On Jordan's Bank v.3-5

**HOMILY –** The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

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**OFFERTORY HYMN # 106** There's a Voice in the Wilderness

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant God our strength, we are nothing without you.  
Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us  
with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**Preface of Advent** Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with angels . . . etc.

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**JESUS, LAMB OF GOD** (*sung*) CP #747

**Celebrant** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**All** **Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,**

**Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

**Music during Communion**

**HYMN # 73** One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

**HYMN # 94** Wait for the Lord, Whose Day is Near (x4)

**ANTHEM: # 117** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All:** Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 383** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun  
Sun

### Upcoming Services

**Tues. Dec. 6** – Prayer Vigil (3pm)

**Dec. 11** – Advent 3

**Dec. 18** – Advent 4 Lessons & Carols + Messy Church (4–6pm)

**Wed. Dec. 21** – Blue Christmas (7pm)

**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve (7pm)

**Dec. 25** – Christmas Day (10am) + Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner Dine-in: 4-6pm

Take out: Pre-order by Dec. 22. Pick up 1-2pm Dec. 25

Call: (705) 324-4666 ext. 9 to leave a message

### Announcements

**Christmas Tree lighting today!** Please come and join us for a carol sing in our courtyard as we light the Christmas tree following the service.

