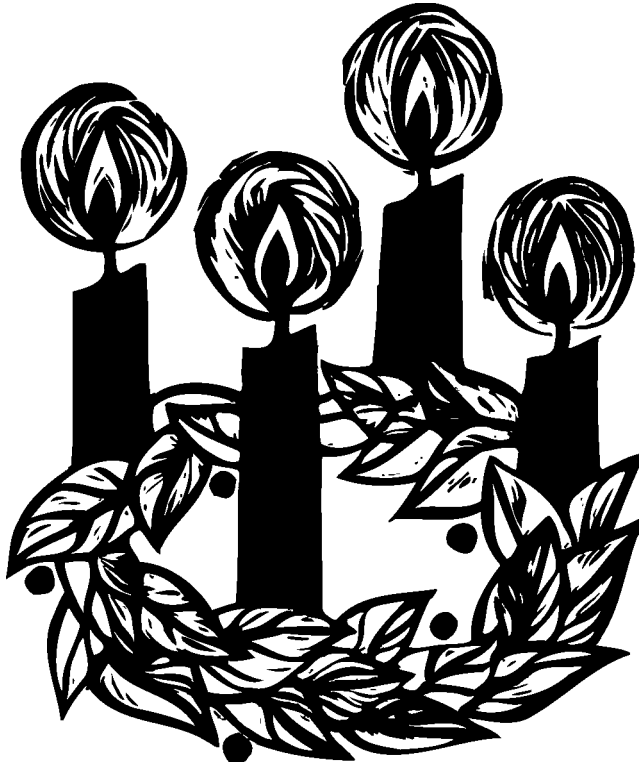


St. John's Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

Established 1905



The First Sunday of Advent **December 1, 2019**

Welcome, all visitors!

We welcome all who have chosen to be with us today, especially our guests. Whether you are here visiting family or friends or you are seeking a church home, we are honored by your presence.

Please note the service is found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which is the red book in the Pew. Hymns are found in the blue book. Numbers with "S" before them indicate Service Music, which is found at the front of the hymnal.

Child care for infants and toddlers is available on the first floor of the church.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

8:00 AM – CHAPEL

The service begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Please refer to the Lessons of the Day on page of the bulletin.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 A.M. - NAVE

VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on *Wachet auf*”

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

57

“Lo! He comes, with clouds descending”

Helmsley

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

TRISAGION	S 102
“Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One”	Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

This setting is intended to be sung three times.

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: 8:00: And with thy spirit.

10:30: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 2:1-5

Lector: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL PSALM 122: 1-9

Benjamin Hutto (1947-2015)

(Refrain 1st sung by choir, then repeated by all; verses sung by the choir)



1 I was glad when they said to me, * "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;

REFRAIN

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * "May they prosper who love you.

REFRAIN

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good."

REFRAIN

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 13:11-14

Lector: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

73

"The King shall come when morning dawns"

St. Stephen

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

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

People: 8:00: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

10:30: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: 8:00: Praise be to thee, O Christ.
10:30: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III BCP 387

RECTOR’S SEARCH PRAYER

God of all wisdom and understanding, guide us during this time of listening to each other and to you, to discern your will for us in the process of bringing a new rector to St. John’s. Grant us patience, kindness, faithfulness, and trust in your presence. Guide us in service to you, to each other, and to the larger community. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 360

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS BCP 830

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

“Advent Message”

Martin How (b. 1931)

“Come Lord Jesus, Amen. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert, a highway for our God. Come Lord Jesus, Come, yea come quickly. Amen.”

AT THE PRESENTATION

“All thing come of thee, O Lord” (*All stand and sing*)

Jeffrey Smith

(Organ) All things come of_ thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we

giv_ en thee. Choir: Present yourself as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Organ)

All things come of_ thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we giv_ en thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER B

The service continues on page 367 in the Book of Common Prayer.

SURSUM CORDA

BCP 367

SANCTUS

S 129

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Powell

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(*standing or kneeling*)

BCP 362

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(*spoken by all*)

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest.

Prayers for healing of body, mind and spirit are also offered at the Side Altar after receiving Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN

53

“Once he came in blessing”

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest/Deacon: [N.], we send you out to share this Communion.

People: Carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.

Priest/Deacon: We who are many are one because we share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

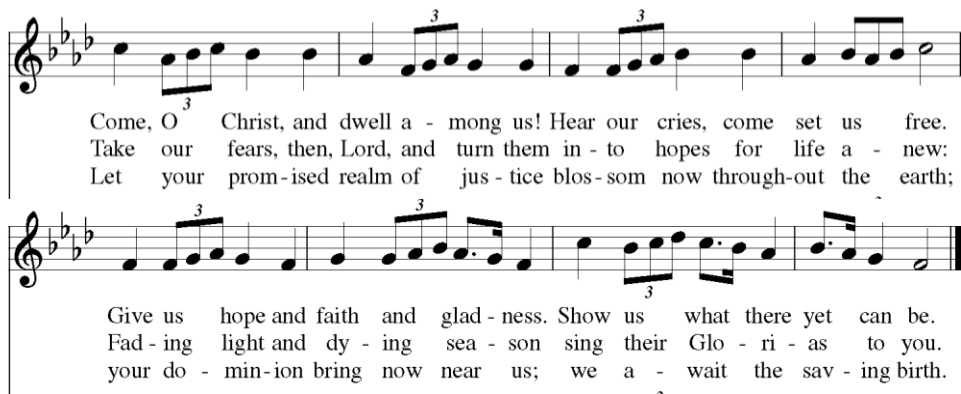
HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Signs of ending all around us”



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom-ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through-out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min-ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Gary Mabrey

Lector: Gary Mabrey

Usher: Robert Steuart

10:30 AM

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Marty Woodward

Lectors: Rae Grosserode, Joy Nagy

Prayers of the People: Fred Mackara

Ushers: Owen Grosserode, Ted Tyrcha

Acolytes: Jacob Smith

Altar Guild: JoAnne Bullington, Joy Nagy, Wesley Buerkle

Coffee Hour: Ted & Lissa Jackson

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Beverly DeLallo, by Kathy Jordan

Offering

Contributions and Pledges can be made online directly to St. John's through a secure page on the church's website: www.stjohnstn.org. At the *top* of the home page, click on the link "GIVING" or scan the QR code using your mobile device.



First Sunday Discretionary Offering

The loose offering this morning will go towards the St. John's Discretionary Fund. This fund helps those in the parish and surrounding community who are in need.

Stewardship Report

Through November 17th, 77 families have pledged **\$304,200** for 2020.

If you have not turned in your pledge card yet please consider doing so as soon as possible. It will allow us to have a better idea of the total amount we can afford to spend for our 2020 annual budget.

Thank you. – Jon Lau, *Parish Administrator*

Tour of Downtown Churches

In celebration of John's City's Sesquicentennial Celebration, there will be a tour of the downtown churches for this afternoon. The celebration will begin at 2:00 pm in Kings Commons.

The tour will begin at 3:00 with St. John's as the first stop.

ETSU Mandolin Orchestra & Shape Note Singing

Dr. Lee Bidgood's Mandolin orchestra from ETSU will present an evening of music on Monday, December 9th starting at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Music featured will be from the golden age of mandolin orchestras, contemporary compositions, and Renaissance music. The performance is free and open to the public.

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes for Christmas Flowers are inserted in the bulletin this Sunday, and can also be located in the narthex of the church.

Intergenerational Sunday School

Join the parish family for Intergenerational Sunday School in the Great Hall on December 8th (next Sunday) starting at 9:30 am. The faith formation teachers will offer a variety of activities for all ages.

Mortgage Burning Liturgy

On Wednesday, December 18th, a mortgage burning liturgy will be held at 7:00 pm in the Nave. Bishop Cole will be presider and celebrant over the service. A reception will follow the service. If you prefer not to drive at night, please contact the church office at 423-926-8141 so we can make arrangements for you to have a ride.

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on December 14th, 6:00 pm at Bella Vita's Restaurant.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Holy Eucharist Rite I	Sunday	8:00 AM	Chapel
Adult Faith Formation	Sunday	9:15 AM	Vestry Room
Children and Youth Sunday School	Sunday	9:15 AM	First Floor Classrooms
Choir Rehearsal	Sunday	9:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist Rite II	Sunday	10:30 AM	Nave
Handbell Choir	Sunday	11:45 AM	The Great Hall
Tour of Downtown Churches	Sunday	2:00 PM	King Commons
Education for Ministry	Sunday	5:00 PM	Bellamy Library
Holy Eucharist and Healing	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Chapel
Centering Prayer	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer Room
Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Choir Room
Holy Eucharist Rite I	Thursday	10:00 AM	Chapel

PRAYER LIST

Kitty Adams, Linda Flanary, Gil, Charlene Haas, Sarah Haas, Evelyn Huyck, Duke Ingram, Joan, Randy Lacy, Ed Lilly, Cabell Lonon, Carolyn Ledford, Amanda Mackara, Christy McMahan, Wanda Miller, Shelly Mowers, Coleman Parks, Lizetta Price, Ricky & Karen, Danielle Schagh, Fr. Ralph Smith, Jeri Sullivan, Ebele Ume-Nwagbo, Clem Wilkes, Bill Yoder

So we may honor the names on our prayer list, please let us know when prayers have been answered and where thanksgivings may be offered by contacting the church at office@stjohnstn.org.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bill Fryar

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, *Presiding Bishop*
The Right Reverend Brian L. Cole, *Bishop of East Tennessee*

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