



November 21, 2021

Christ the King

Proper 29

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

Welcome! We're glad you're here. Masks are suggested but not required.

Opening Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Standing

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

The Word of God

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

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. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Introduction to the Lesson

In Daniel's vision of judgment, God's chosen one appears before the heavenly throne. He is given sovereignty over all the earth, and his kingdom will last forever.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel:

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was

presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 93

*The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse,
alternating each verse with the Lector who reads first*

The Lord is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice: *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure,*
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
for ever and for evermore.

Introduction to the Lesson

John relates a vision of the beginning of the Lord's eternal reign. Christ, the beginning and the end of all creation, comes in glory to establish the kingdom.

A reading from the Revelation to John:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

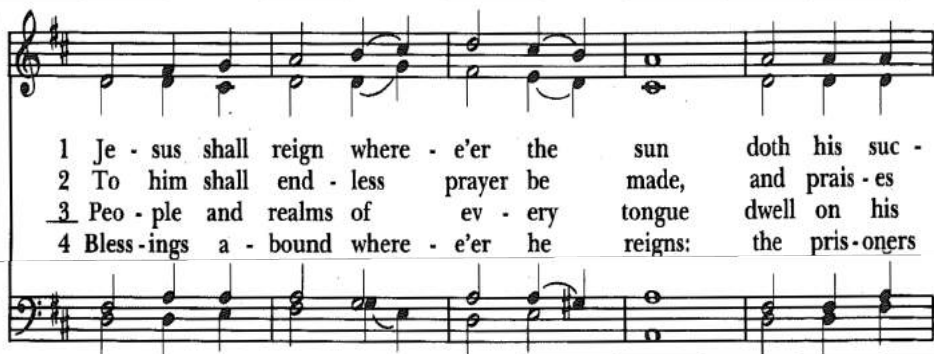
The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

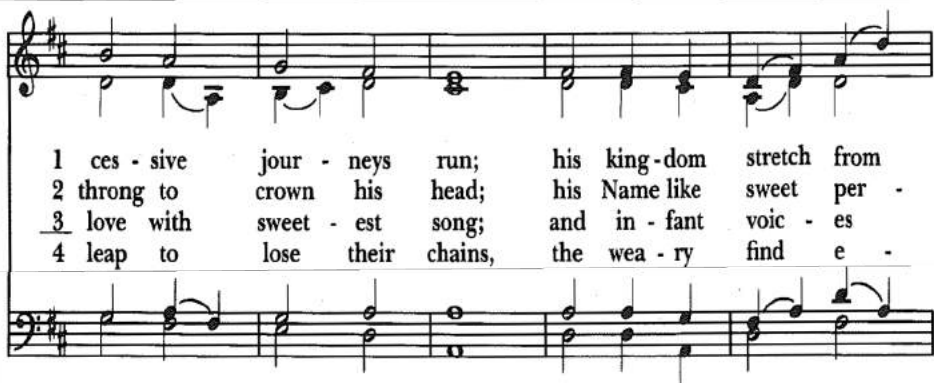
Serve God, Serve Others

The Gospel Hymn

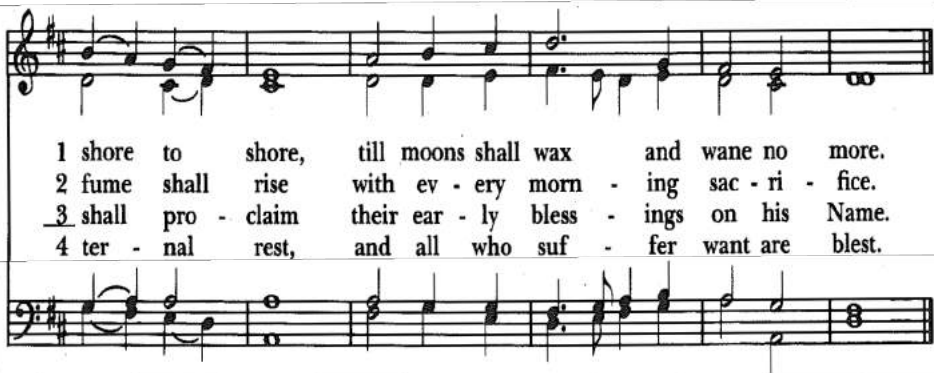
Jesus shall reign



1 Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

Introduction to the Lesson

Jesus tells Pilate that his kingship is different from that of an earthly ruler. Rather, Jesus' sovereignty is revealed in his faithfulness to God's divine purpose.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor

The Nicene Creed

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 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

We pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and work. Pour your blessings on Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Frank our Bishop; and our clergy and leadership. Pray for the Church. (silence may be kept for a time) May we who witness Your saving acts in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

We pray for the world, your greatest Gift to us, and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of our world. Bless and guide our President, Joseph, our legislative and judicial institutions, and the members of our local government. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice. I invite your prayers for our world, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (silence may be kept for a time). May we who witness your power in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

We pray for the work of our church in the world. As we enter this season of intention and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure. May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed domestically or abroad and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets; for those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts (Intercessions for healing). We pray for those whose needs are known to you alone. May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

We pray for those who have died. (Intercessions for the departed) May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. Thank you especially for those members of our legacy society whose gifts to the church are felt beyond their lifetimes. May we who witness your eternal love in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

It is impossible to number the blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. For what are you thankful today? (silence may be kept for a time) (Intercessions for thanksgiving) May we who witness our gifts at work in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Which comes from God above.

Celebrant: With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace and love and blessings for Every Perfect Gift. *Amen.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Confession and Absolution

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 upon us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Blessing of Expectant Parents

Ministry Moment

Karen Sheppard

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

He is exalted

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major, 6/8 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 62. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The hymn consists of four lines of music.

(♩ = 62)

He is ex - alt - ed the King is ex - alt - ed on high; I will
praise him. He is ex - alt - ed for - ev - er ex - alt - ed and I will
praise his name! He is the Lord, for -
ev - er his truth shall reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his Ho - ly

name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high.

An Acclamation of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts

People: *And of your own have we given you.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A *Also found on page 361 in The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant: The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 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:

Celebrant and People: *Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 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 say,

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.

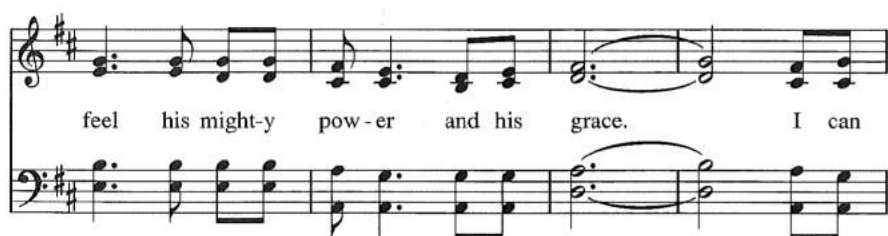
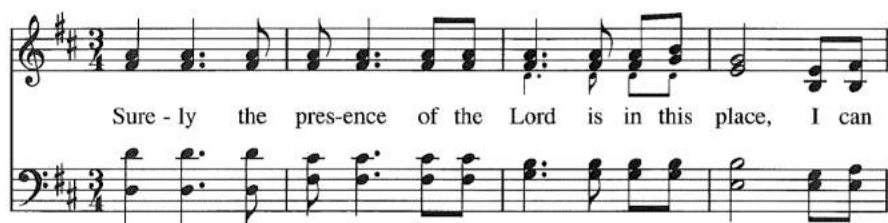
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion: At this time we are only offering altar bread, not wine.

Gluten Free Communion Bread: If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for Gluten Free bread when you come to receive.

Communion Hymn

Surely the presence



The Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and remain standing through the closing hymn

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

The Blessing and the Dismissal

Celebrant: Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

(The dismissal is said after the closing hymn. Children are invited to help the clergy with the dismissal.)

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

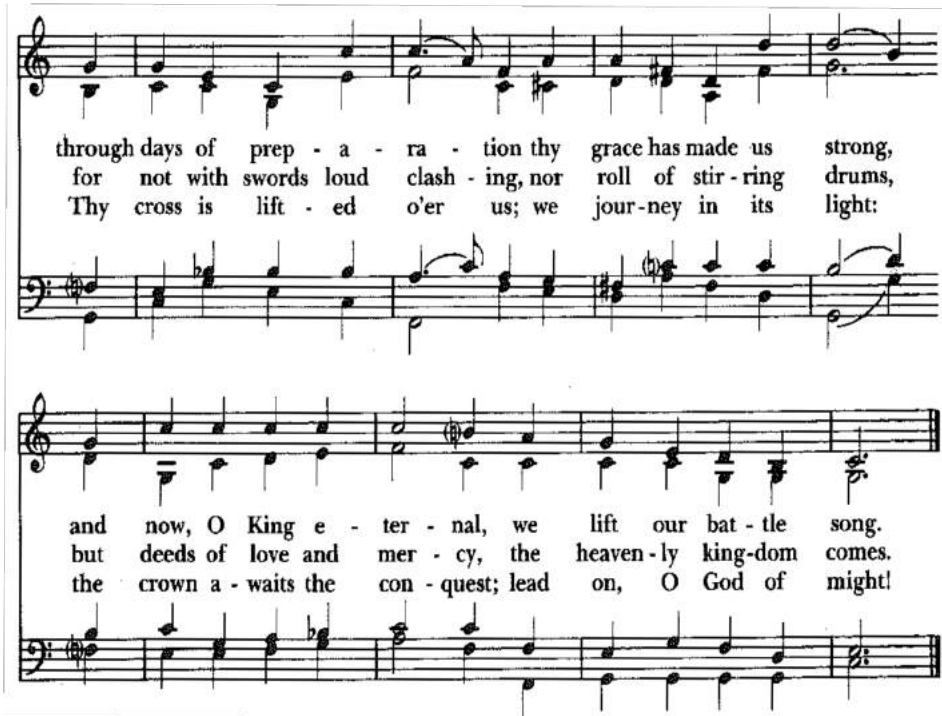
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Recessional

Lead on, O king eternal

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.



Welcome to Holy Comforter—We're Glad You're Here!

Our first joy is to welcome our guests and newcomers. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? Please sign our guest register.

Do you want to be part of Holy Comforter? Call the parish office (706-210-1133) and we'll be glad to help you. *Also, please make sure that we have your e-mail address to receive our weekly E-News*

Stay for Lunch and for Celebration Sunday

It's a party! Today is Celebration Sunday when we ask that all pledge cards for 2022 be returned. *To help make this a real celebration stay for a free lunch for everybody!*

African Team Ministries

Christmas has come early! African Team Ministries is here for one last Sunday. Jewelry and crafts are available for sale in the foyer to help support churches in East Africa.

Every Perfect Gift

Every Perfect Gift has been our theme for Stewardship this year. We've been reminded of all of the way God share God's gifts with us and how we can be imitators of that grace. One way is through our financial gifts. We have 44 families making pledges for a total of \$224,900 but will need to double that to make our 2022 goal. Please be in prayer how you may best support Holy Comforter. Submit your pledge card through the mail or online by scanning the QR code.



Open phone camera
Hover over QR code
Make your pledge

Blessing of Expectant Parents

It is our great joy to offer The Blessing of Expectant Parents this morning during our 10:30 am service. Today we are praying for Arielle and Stew Kremer and their baby who is due around Master's Week!

The Book Club

The Book Club meets Wednesday, December 8th at 10:00am at the church. Bring your favorite Christmas book, story or poem to share. Join us for tea, coffee, cookies and perhaps a bit of a sing-a-long. Questions about The Book Club? Contact Mary Kelly at marykelly919@comcast.net or 206-859-8418.

Vestry Nominations

We have two vestry positions opening in January 2022. If you are interested in serving on our Vestry or nominating someone, contact our administrator, Vivian Vaiden at vivian@holyccomforterchurch.org. Vestry positions are open to confirmed members of the church. If you are unsure of your membership status, our administrator can help you with that. Vestry nomination forms can be picked up in the foyer.

Interim Rector Update from the Vestry

The Interim Rector search has begun. The Vestry is reviewing the names approved by the Bishop to serve as our Interim Rector after The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor retires in January 2022. Throughout this process, the Vestry will be employing the practice of discernment (seeking to identify God's will and then moving with spiritual openness towards it).

Advent Events

Making Advent Wreaths and Decorating the Church for Advent

Advent begins next Sunday. We will decorate our Chrismon Tree and make Advent wreaths . And we will be having an Advent potluck luncheon. ***Bring your turkey leftovers—you know you have them—for a quick, informal lunch while we prepare for Advent.***

Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 5 at 10:30am

This special service, through song and biblical readings, takes us through the story of Jesus' Family Tree. The choir and congregation alternate between hymns. Invite someone to join us for this special service.

Children's Church in Advent Plus Jesse Ornaments

Come join us for Children's Church this Advent season! There will be more parables, a celebration of Thanksgiving, and a sharing of Advent traditions. Children will learn about the Advent wreath and take home a booklet to share with their families. We'll explore other traditions, to include the Jesse Tree. Contact Mallory Halterman, mallory.halterman@gmail.com, if you want to have your very own Jesse Tree ornaments for your home!

Advent Devotionals

Advent is a time when we go deeper into our relationship with Jesus. Advent devotionals are a way to assist in that. Devotionals for all will be available beginning November 28.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Thanks be to God we once again get to have our Children's Christmas Pageant at our 5:30pm Family Service on December 24. We are looking for Youth to serve as readers/narrators and/or to help with guiding/directing the younger children behind the scenes. Other volunteers are also needed Rehearsal times: TBD. Contact Mallory Halterman, mallory.halterman@gmail.com. Sign up. And we will have more information soon on getting together our all important cast!

Discover Advent Trail Guides Needed

Discovering Advent is a trail that guided you through Advent and Beyond. This will take place during Children's Church on Sunday December 12 and 19, but we need volunteers, especially youth. Contact Mallory Halterman, mallory.halterman@gmail.com.

Holy Comforter Youth Christmas Party

On December 17 come to the home of youth coordination Tab Carter, at 6:00pm, at 3313 Thread Needle Road West, Augusta. Celebrate the holiday with your craziest Christmas sweater! We will enjoy pizza & Christmas cookies, make cards for residents at the Claiborne, share a Christmas devotional, exchange fun gifts (please bring a gift \$10 or less), warmup by the bonfire, and more! Parents are welcome to drop-off or stay for the fun! RSVP Tab Carter by December 15 at tcarter@augusta.edu.

Gifts for the Christ Child

Each year we sponsor families needing assistance make their Christmas bright for their children. If you want to 'adopt' a family, in the foyer there is a list of families and requests for gifts. All requests do not need to be purchased. There are cards for each family and instructions on the back. Do not wrap gifts. We have large bags with tags available to place gifts in. Return them to Church by December 5th. Questions? Contact Robert Barger on at bargeronr@gmail.com

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The church office will be closed Tuesday through Friday of this week.

Ways to Give

You can make a gift to Holy Comforter in a variety of ways:

- Use the Square Reader in the foyer for debit/credit cards
- Go to our website, click giving and use Pay Pal
- Make checks out to Holy Comforter and/or give cash and put it in the offertory plate on Sunday.
- Remember Holy Comforter in your will.
- For those with an IRA account, consider using your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as a way to give.
- All gifts are tax deductible

Prayers of the People

Persons remain on the list for two weeks; those with chronic needs continue to be prayed for by our Prayer Chain. You may add prayer requests at the lectern in the foyer.

For those in need of healing: Gregg and Harriette Graham, Dale Blackburn

For those celebrating birthdays: Kate Blake and Myles Green

Thanksgiving for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School, The Claiborne, 143 Ministries, and Kairos Prison Ministry.

For those who are homebound: Donna Garvey, Loren Waldo and Joan Jackson

For the safety of all those who serve abroad, including Will Liebel.

Missions and Prayer

Prayer Shawl Ministries: Make them at home or come to church every Tuesday at 10:30am to make shawls which are given to anyone with a prayer need.

Food Bank: Please place non-perishable items in the red wagon by the front door. The food collected goes to Columbia County Cares. Our goal each month is to give away 500 pounds of food!

Ministering to the needy of Columbia County. We need toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, tooth paste, soap, detergent, feminine needs, dish wash, and shampoo. Place those items in the kitchen in the marked container. And thanks!

October Financial Report

Actual Revenue as of October 31, 2021	\$271,598.34
Actual Expenses as of October 31, 2021	<u>\$285,069.05</u>
Surplus/Deficit as of October 31, 2021	-\$13,470.71

Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant
Lay Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Guild
Altar Bread
Ushers
Vestry Person of the Day

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Tab Carter
Barry Paschal
Carole Nelson and Linda Bargeron
Carol Kane
Nathan Suggs
Dave Blake

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor, Pastor
Vivian Vaiden, Church Administrator
Lara Fort, Financial Secretary
Dr. Brad Green, Music Director

Vestry

Fred Hoogland, Dave Blake, Jr. Warden (Class of 2022)
Mallory Halterman, Bill Liebel (Class of 2023)
Tab Carter, Pam Vanscoy (Class of 2024)

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