



**November 28, 2021**

**First Sunday of Advent**

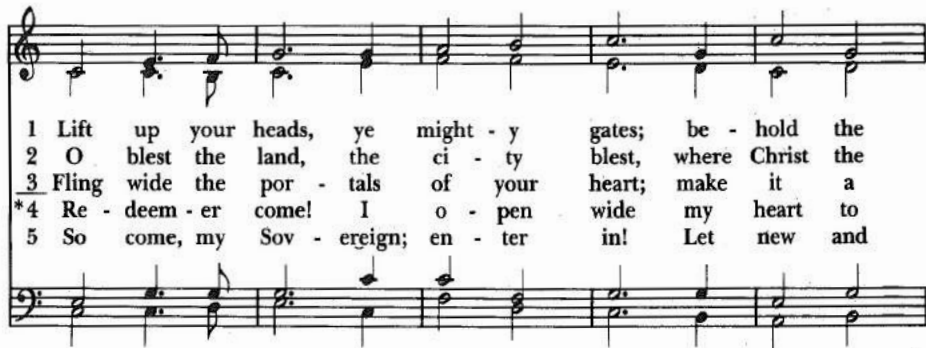
## Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

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

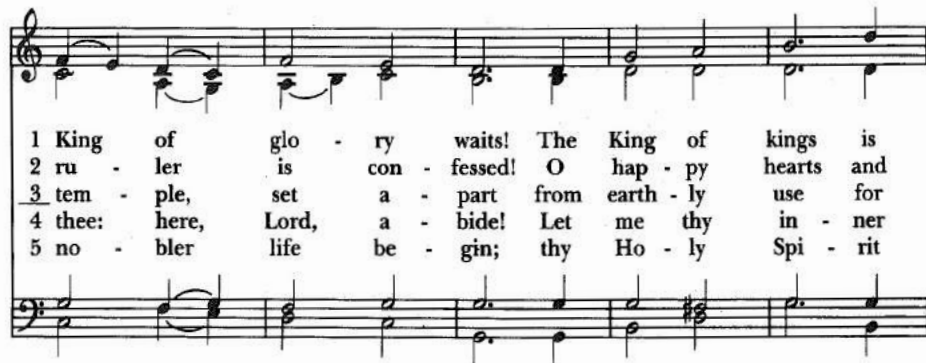
### Opening Hymn

*Lift of your heads*

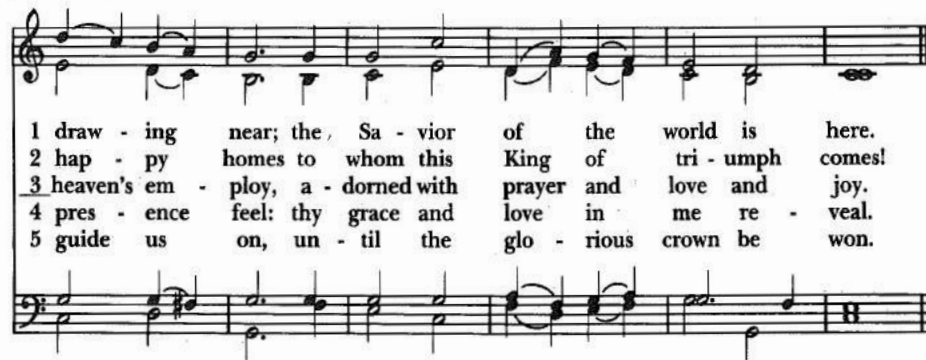
*Standing*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
\*4 Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

## 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 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. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for the lessons.*

## The First Lesson

**Jeremiah 33: 14-16**

### Introduction to the Lesson

*The Lord promises that the royal line of David will never come to an end, a promise that is fulfilled with the coming of Jesus Christ.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 25: 1 - 9

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

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## Introduction to the Lesson

*The apostle greets new Christians and shares his hope of visiting them soon. He prays for their strength and endurance as they await the coming of the Lord.*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

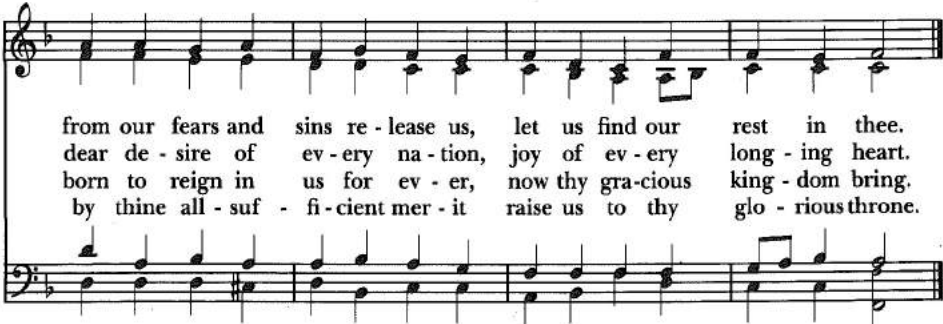
The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God*

## The Gospel Hymn

*Come thou long expected Jesus*



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

**Introduction to the Lesson**

*Jesus tells his followers about his second coming in power and great glory. The heavens will be in turmoil as the Lord appears, but for disciples, this will be a time of redemption.*

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

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

For this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying:  
Lord, have mercy.

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Intercessions for healing) Let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life. For those with special celebrations (Intercessions for thanksgiving). Let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (*Intercessions for the departed offered here*). Let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*



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.*

### **Offertory Anthem**

## **The Mission of Holy Comforter**

**Love God, Love Others**

**Serve God, Serve Others**

# Offertory Hymn

*We gather together*

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!  
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

## *An Acclamation of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts*

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord

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

**The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B** *Also found on page 367 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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!

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:           *We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever. *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.*

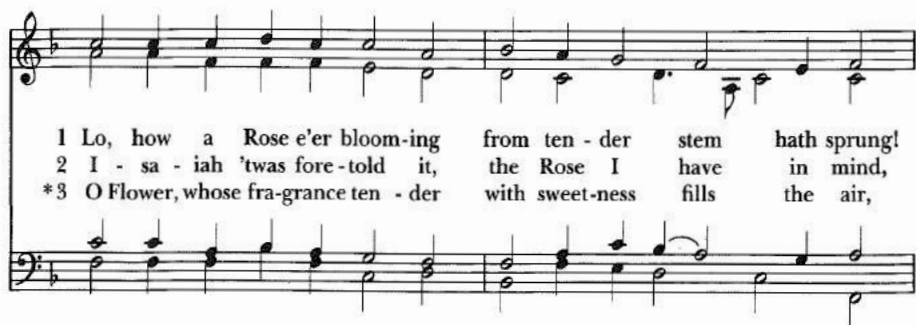
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People:       *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*  
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

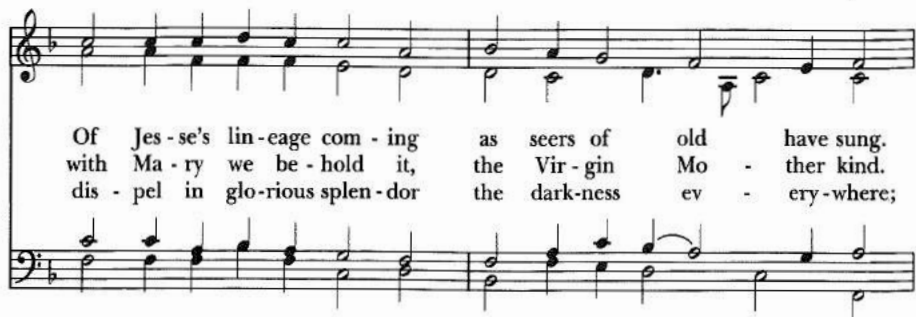
**Gluten Free Communion Bread:** If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for Gluten Free bread when you come to receive.

## Communion Hymn

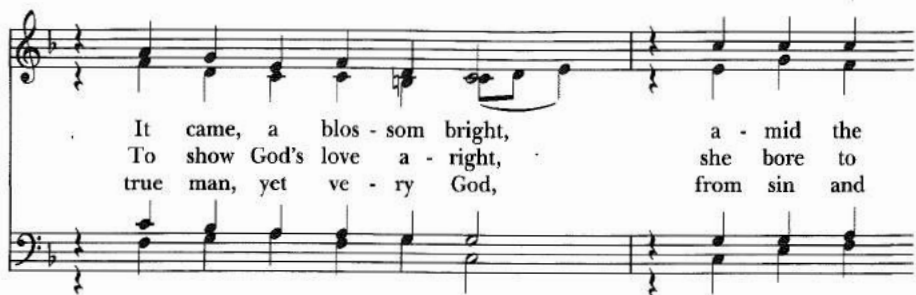
*Lo how a Rose e'er blooming*



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\*3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and



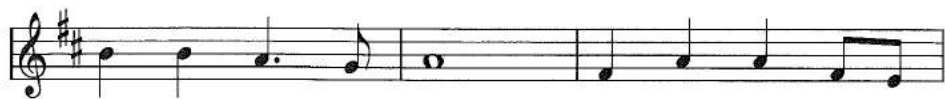
cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

# Communion Hymn

*As the deer*



1. As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my  
2. I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly  
3. You're my friend and you are my broth - er, e - ven



soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my  
you can sat - is - fy; you a - lone are the  
though you are a king; I love you more than



heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.  
real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.  
an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing!



You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to



you a - lone may my spir - it yield; you a - lone are my



heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you!

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## **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**

*O praise ye the Lord*

# Recessional

*O praise ye the Lord*

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth;  
 \* 3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!



*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*

**Advent Wreath**

**Today marks the First Sunday of Advent** and the beginning of our New Year. You'll notice the Advent Wreath up front with three blue candles, one pink and one white in the center. This morning we light the first blue candle, which represents Hope. Hope is like a light shining in the darkness. As we look at the Hope candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus. The white candle is lit at Christmas and represents the Christ Child. Pink is for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Making Advent Wreaths  
and Decorating the Church for Advent**

**Advent begins today.** We will decorate our Chrismon Tree and make Advent wreaths. Stay for an Advent potluck luncheon.

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**If you or your child wishes to be baptized,** we will be offering the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 2, which is also close to the Feast of the Holy Name, when we remember the baptism of Jesus. Contact the church administrator Vivian Vaiden at 706-210-1133 for arrangements.

**That's a Wrap!**

**After twenty-two years at Holy Comforter** and nearly 36 years of parish ministry, The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor is retiring. Her last Sunday is January 9. Join us for a morning of celebration for this new chapter in her life and in the life of our church. More details soon!

## Advent Events



## 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 are available in the foyer.

## 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](mailto:mallory.halterman@gmail.com), if you want to have your very own Jesse Tree ornaments for your home!

## 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](mailto:mallory.halterman@gmail.com).

## Christmas Events

### 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!

### Holy Comforter Youth Christmas Party

**On December 17 come to the home of** youth coordinator 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

### Christmas Eve Services

**5:30 PM Family Service with Holy Eucharist** and a wonderful Christmas Pageant by our children plus all the familiar carols.

**10:00 PM Candlelight Holy Eucharist** with the Adult Choir.

## 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

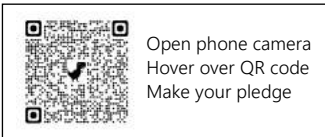
**We have two vestry positions opening** in January 2022. If you are interested in serving on our Vestry or nominating someone, contact our administrator, Vivian Vaiden at vivian@holycomforterchurch.org. Vestry positions are open to confirmed members of the church. If you are unsure of your membership 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).

## 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.





## **Quiet. It's Advent**

Oh we know beyond these walls it's not quiet, as people get ready for Christmas and other holidays. There is a pent up demand to return to what passed for normal before the pandemic. And that includes holiday stress.

But in the church the dimmer has been turned down and we sit in quiet as we await the birth of the Christ Child in our hearts.

How can you turn down the noise just a bit and be with Jesus this season? Quiet. It's Advent.

## **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

### **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:** Dale Blackburn, Gene Hair, and Marc Mexia

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Baxter Whitaker, Matt Zimmerman, and Glenn Fulghum

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Mike and Alison Randolph

**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!

## Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Jenny Frey
Reader	Emily Milburn
Altar Guild	Sharon Attaway and Tammy Jackson
Altar Bread	Jenny Frey
Ushers	Griff and Mary Kelly
Vestry Person of the Day	Mallory Halterman

### *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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