



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise, welcome, and serve:**

- to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
- to **praise** God in all things,
- to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
- to **serve** the needs of one another and of those on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

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A Service of Healing

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

This service of prayers for healing asserts that God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness, as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness.

*In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in times of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith. **During communion, after receiving the bread and wine, there will be an opportunity for those desiring healing to receive a blessing with the laying on of hands by a member of the healing team.** Whether or not you choose to receive such a blessing (indicated by extending your open hands), we know that God's healing purpose, the promise of God's fulfilling and sustaining love, is for every one of us, and is carried in bread and wine as well as in the laying on of hands. We invite you to receive God's healing presence in all the ways that feel right for you.*

The Gathering of the Community

Leader: We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

Congregation: **We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.**

The bell is rung three times

Prelude: *Wachet auf, ruft die Stimme*

J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn 53 *Once he came in blessing (in back of bulletin)*

Celebrant: Hear us, O never-failing Light,
Lord our God, our only Light, the Fountain of Light,
the Light of your angels, thrones, dominions,
principalities, powers, and of all the beings of this world;
you have created the light of your saints,
the bright cloud of witnesses around us.

Congregation: **May our Souls be your lamps, kindled and illumined by you.
May they shine and burn with your truth,
and never go out in darkness and ashes.
May we be your dwelling, shining from you,
shining in you;
May we worship you always.**

From Ancient Mozarabic Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle

Celebrant: We light this candle for all God's people struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.

Congregation: **God, as we wait for your promise, give light, give hope.**

The Collects of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Loving God, you call us into a community of mutual support and health. Bring your healing touch to all who are sick, strengthen medical professionals who minister to those who suffer, encourage us to accompany those who are lonely, and bring hope to all who are in despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

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!

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 122

Robert Knox Kennedy
 (b. 1945)



I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD." ||
 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jer-usalem.

**Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD. ||
 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jer-usalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you. ||
 Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.

**For my brethren and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your pros-perity. ||
 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."**

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 13:11-14

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us (verses 1 and 2, in back of bulletin)

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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

Congregation: **Glory to you, O 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Reflection

Page Eastman

Silence

Apostles Creed

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy God, help us to move through this Advent season seeking to shine your love into the world as we await your word made flesh in a baby born in a manger.

We lift our prayers to you, saying, "For your love's sake, hear our prayer."

We pray for the holy Church of God to be a light for all creation, a place of healing and reconciliation embodying the love of Christ to a hurting world.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, ministers, and spiritual leaders, especially we pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, Thomas, our Bishop, and all priests and deacons who serve our churches.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all those in authority in the world that they might work together to seek justice for all people. Give them compassion and wisdom to lead.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Increase in us the power to serve, to feed the hungry, to comfort the sick, to welcome the stranger, to house those that need shelter.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all those suffering from any illness or pain, from mental anguish or anxiety, for those feeling alone and unloved, may they know God's compassion and healing.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. We remember those on our prayer list:

Liz Leuthner, Jerry, Harry Vickerson, Helen and Gibbie Nauman, Mimi Gerstell, Agnes and Billy, Henna Torrey Roy, Barbara K., Julie and Tom, Gwen Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve, Heidi (Jonny's mother), Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Kate Hallen and Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Semantha, Judy, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Bill Scaife, Brent Was, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner

Leader: We pray for those who have died that they may rest in your eternal peace that passes all understanding.

Congregation: **For your love's sake, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Please add your prayers and thanksgivings.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

Leader: Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader and Congregation: **Open our hearts to the cries of the world, give us strength and courage to serve those in need of the light of your love that we might witness to your power to bring joy and hope. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Congregation: **Most Holy God,**

in the midst of this season of listening and waiting, we confess:

**We have resisted the light of your love;
we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and
we have not treasured the gifts of others around us.**

We stand in need of your love.

Holy Father, make us holy.

Holy Jesus, make us holy.

Holy Spirit, make us holy.

Holy God, make us whole. Amen.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
God's mercy is wider than our transgressions.

God's love is deeper than our fear.
God's longing for our wholeness is stronger than our resistance.
We have been freed by grace to be God's people in the world.
Let our lives reflect the light entrusted to us,
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn ELW 240 *Light one candle for to watch for Messiah (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Sanctus *(next page)*

Sanctus

Words: Liturgical traditional

Music: John L. Bell

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus, Do - mi - nus,
Sanc - tus, Do - mi - nus,

Sanc - - - tus, sanc - - - tus

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with notes for 'Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus, Do - mi - nus, Sanc - tus, Do - mi - nus,'. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with notes corresponding to the lyrics.

De - us Sab - ba - oth, De - us Sab - ba - oth.

De - us Sab - ba - oth. De - us Sab - ba - oth.

De - us Sab - ba - oth. De - us Sab - ba - oth.

De - - - us, De - - - us.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with notes for 'De - us Sab - ba - oth, De - us Sab - ba - oth. De - us Sab - ba - oth. De - us Sab - ba - oth. De - us Sab - ba - oth.' The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with notes corresponding to the lyrics.

Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra,

Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra,

Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,

Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with notes for 'Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,'. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with notes corresponding to the lyrics.

ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.

ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.

ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.

ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.

Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra, ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra,

Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,

Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,

Ple - ni sunt coe - li, ple - ni sunt coe - li,

ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.

ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.

ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.

ple - ni sunt coe - li glo - ri - a tu - a.

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Congregation:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God ...

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

Those desiring healing should open their palms and a member of the healing team will come to them for the laying on of hands.

Celebrant: And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Congregation: **We pray for those who are with us virtually that they experience God's presence and love in any part of their lives that is in need of healing.**

Post Communion Prayer

We give thanks, O Lord, for these
heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when Christ comes again
We may shine as light before
his face;
who is alive and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the light of Christ
hold you, uphold you,
pursue and renew you.
So to fill and instill in you
Light you might carry
Into the world God so loves.
In the name of the Father,
The Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Sending Hymn 73 *The king shall come when morning dawns (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *In the Twilight*

Harold Friedell

Announcements

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

Love in Action

Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent. You are invited to take these words to heart. Post this Advent calendar (available in the church entryway) in your kitchen or bedroom. Subscribe to one or more of the daily Advent emails listed in the Navigator under "Advent Devotional Resources."

Come to Vespers on December 3, 10, and 17 and reflect together on our Advent theme – "Light Carried in a Jar" – the Light of God's love shared in a myriad of ordinary ways through open hands, hugs, smiles, music, poetry, making and sharing bread or soup with family or neighbors, writing a letter of comfort and solidarity to a grieving friend...

CALENDAR

All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, December 1	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, December 3	9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Ministry meeting (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. In-person meditation 10:30 a.m. Advent Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Advent Vespers- Barbara Putnam, reflector
Friday, December 5	10:30 a.m. Education and Spiritual Development Ministry meeting
Sunday, December 7	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding

Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 11, 2026	4:00 p.m. Walking the Camino de Santiago Jane Lachance
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Once he came in blessing *The Hymnal 1982, #53*



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*, melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534); harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946).

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us *The Hymnal 1982, #61*

1 “Sleep-ers, wake!” A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: “A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!” Mid - night’s peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty’s por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: “The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in
 Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, In-car-nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de-

sight. Al-le-lu-ia! Your lamps pre-pare and
 Word, Al-le-lu-ia! We fol-low all and
 light: Al-le-lu-ia! There-fore we sing to

has-ten there, that you the wed-ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in-to the ban-quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev-er let our prais-es ring.

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Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 240



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: Yiddish folk tune

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The King shall come when morning dawns *The Hymnal 1982, #73*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.