

Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church

Los Alamos, New Mexico

The First Sunday of Advent



Sunday, November 27, 2022

10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II

#WeAreTrinity

Sharing God's love / Embracing God's children / Responding to the needs of the world

Welcome to Trinity on the Hill, a place where you will find open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We believe that as people of God, we can all share in God's love; a love that is inclusive, ever abundant and meant to be expressed through our action in the world. We invite you to bring your own spiritual journey to Trinity on the Hill, where no part of you needs to be left at the door. Please know that from whatever tradition you come and wherever you are in your journey of faith... YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

All are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. Please remain in your pew for the distribution of the elements. You may stand, sit, or kneel. After both services, please join us in Kelly Hall for coffee and conversation.

If you have questions about our church, spirituality, or anything else, give us a call at (505) 662-5107. For more information, visit www.latoth.org.

We are so glad that you are here today. May you feel the love of Christ and the warmth of our fellowship.

Please note: the 10:30 am service is livestreamed. If you wish to avoid being seen on camera, please sit in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary.

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The Word of God

Prelude: “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Creator” attr. E. Kremser, arr. G.W. Cassler (17th C Dutch folk song)

Opening Hymn: “Lo! he comes with clouds descending”

Hymnal 57

Lighting the Advent Wreath: First Candle - The Candle of Hope

The promise to the fore bearers

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham and Sarah that through them all the nations of the world would be blessed, because they trusted and put their hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Christ again to this world to establish God's kingdom upon the earth.

The Candler lights First Candle.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs and Matriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. *Amen.*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People : **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

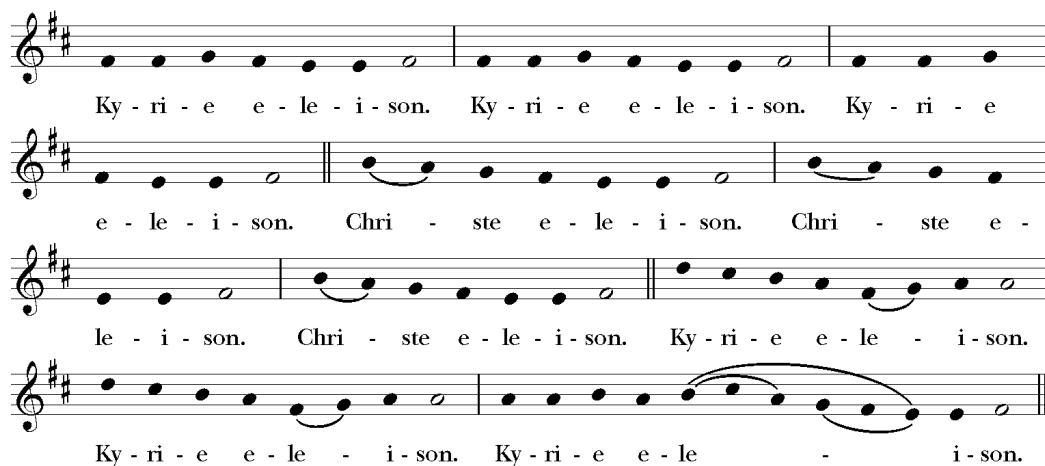
The Collect for Purity (said by the celebrant)

BCP 355

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.*

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal S 86



The Celebrant says to the people

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*.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible page 550

After the Reading, the Reader says:

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (sung)

Laetatus sum

- 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 Je- | rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a | city *
that is at unity with it- | self;
- 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 Je- | rusalem: *
“May they prosper who | love you.
- 7 Peace be within your | walls *
and quietness within your | towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com- | panions’ sake, *
I pray for your pros- | perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our | God, *
I will seek to do you | good.”

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible page 923

After the Reading, the Reader says:

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence hymn: “Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”

Hymnal 488

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

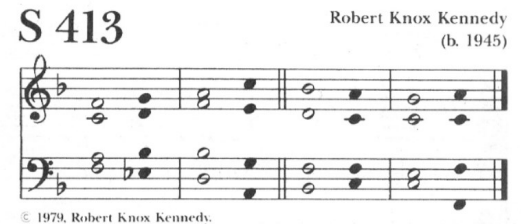
Pew Bible page 806

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading of the Gospel, the Reader says

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.



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

Children's Sermon: Father Raymond Raney

The Sermon: Father Raymond Raney

Silence may be kept.

Gathering of Estimate of Giving Cards

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams.

May they be to us a promise of tomorrow.

These cards are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they express our thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be to us a promise of tomorrow.

These cards represent our harvest of the first fruits of our living in the sure and certain hope of the days to come within the Body of Christ at Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church.

May they be to us a promise of tomorrow.

Gracious and loving God, may our offerings to you be counted among the sacred and yet earthly gifts we count in the blessings we receive each hour of each day.

May they be to us a promise of tomorrow.

And as we gather our offerings to you each week, may we recognize our very selves, our souls and bodies, as a part of our offerings as living sacrifices to the God of our Salvation. In the name of Jesus the Christ.

AMEN!

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or other leader

As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path, saying Lord, graciously hear us.

For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For people of Ukraine and the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For Michael our bishop and all bishops, for the priests, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Deb Wagner, Josh Brookshire, Rebecca and Mark Hunsinger; Lord hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the sick and the suffering, and especially.....; Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For travelers, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed especially those whom we now name: Jerry Dick,; Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray also for our transition.

People: **Look graciously on your Church of Trinity on the Hill: we pray you to open the hearts of priests who may be called to this parish, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose our next rector that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord we pray.**

O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

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

A moment of Silence may be kept.

All say together

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

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

BCP 332

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

People: **And also with you.**

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory hymn: “Creator of the stars of night”

Hymnal 60

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 124

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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit,

now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.
The Breaking of the Bread**

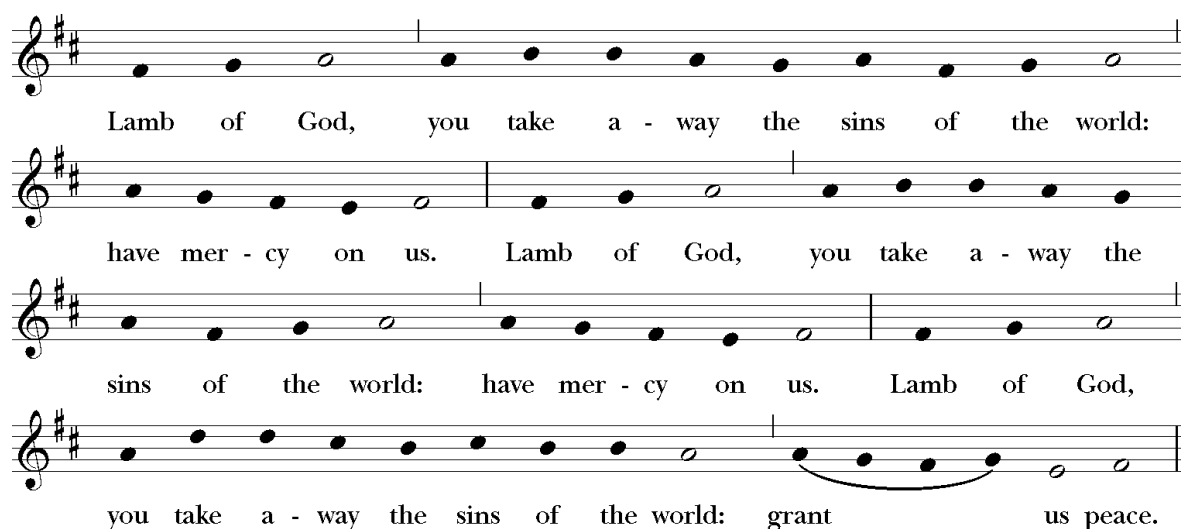
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

If you wish to receive communion at the altar rail, please come forward at the bidding. In this time of transition, please follow the instructions for receiving communion. If you wish to remain in your pew, communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available if you let us know you need one. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish to pass altogether, please remain seated.

The intincted hosts are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion hymn: "Come with us, O blessed Jesus"

Hymnal 336

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the

Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Sending forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **Though we are many, we are one body for we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

Recessional hymn: "When morning gilds the skies"

Hymnal 427

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Deacon Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: "Minuet, French Suite III"

J.S. Bach

The flowers on the altar are given by Judy Crocker to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don and James Crocker and for the blessings around her from family and friends.

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Exodus: God Rescues the Israelites

Exodus 12:1-42; 14:5-31

Through the Week

- Look up the following verses with your family. Write them on sticky notes or index cards.
 - Romans 8:28
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
 - Jeremiah 29:11
 - Philippians 4:6
 - Psalm 46:1
 - Joshua 1:9
- You could also find other verses that remind you to trust God's plan.
- If your child made the "Reminder Sheep" craft, you can add the cards from that craft as well.
- Hang the notes around a door frame you'll all walk through often—your front door or a bathroom door, for example.
- Whenever you walk through that door, remember how God did what was best for the Israelites when he kept them safe and how God wants what's best for you.

God sends a final plague so Pharaoh will let the Israelites escape. God kills all the firstborn sons, passing over homes with lambs' blood on the door frames. The Israelites escape, but the Red Sea is in their way. God parts the Red Sea. God wants what's best for us.

Talk About This...

Tell about a time God did something great for you.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them" (Romans 8:28).

Special Prayer List
November 27 – December 3

(PLEASE LET TOTH OFFICE KNOW YOUR PRAYER UPDATES. THANKS!)

Pray for Healing for: Nancy Wurden; Robin Chaffe; Laurie Triplett; Margaret Odell; Sally Cassil; Mary Cunningham; Eliana Lobato; Renee Roybal; Mary Yamada; Ellen Walton; Don Davidson; George Price; Ramon Hidalgo.

Jane Pate; Paula Hewitt; Sue Ellen Kelly; Bridger Banford; McKenna Wangen; Hayden Perez; Deacon Susan Green; Ann Schmiesing; Pam Magee; Rick Ricker; Anna Ahern; Alicia Gray; Pat Kirk; Will Pitt; Ulla Mertens; Laura Wright; Raheela Sheikh; Fr. Andrew Green; Richard J. Triplett, Sr.; Candy Porter; Zak Solis; Erin Marquardt; Mark Sherwood; Eileen Brinker, Jimmie and Margaret Howard, Stephanie Strom and Rachel Joy.

Continuing Prayer: Alek Lucero; Barbara Stoddard; Deb Wagner; Deborah Karr; Jenny Bishop; Lori Schilling; Doug Weiss; Bo West; T.K. Thompson; Angela Pope; June Vasey; Elena Perez; Leona Walton; Bob Springer; Bob Wigger; Cherie Hale; Caroline Wurden; Laura Fraser; Diane Figge, Dana King; Jim Anderson; Victor Apodaca.

For the Departed: Jerry J. Dick (11-18-22); Robert Lee Wood, Jr. (11-28-82); John Watson Pedlow (11-28-93); Marguerite Louise Carlson (11-29-87); David Provost (11-29-93); Peter M. Petersen (11-30-06); Freeman David Waddell (11-30-56); Anne Notley Phillips (12-1-77); Alice Prael (12-1-91); Edward John Humphrey (12-2-96); Veronica VonDreele (12-3-03).

Birthdays

11/27 Deb Wagner
12/2 Josh Brookshire

Anniversaries

11/30 Rebecca and Mark Hunsinger

Loved ones in the Armed Forces, Peace Corps, Police, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services: James Wathen, AF (TX); Robbie Dash, US Coast Guard (VA); Rusty Dash, US Coast Guard (VA); Craig Higgins, Rio Rancho Fire Department.

Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION TODAY: Father Raymond continues his series on *The Mystical Tradition* with a class on Gnostic Christianity. All welcome: 9:15 am in Sherrill Hall.

2023 ESTIMATED GIVING CARDS: Estimate of Giving Cards will be blessed during both services today. If you have not already returned your 2023 card to the office, please bring it to the TOTH office as soon as you can. Thank you!

GROWING IN LOVE: Booklets of *Family Devotions for Advent* are available today for you to take home and use with your family every day during the Advent season.

WINTER EMERGENCY: We desperately need help (paid) with snow shoveling this winter, on weekdays before 7:15 am whenever there is more than 1" of snow. Please contact the office!

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BISHOP: On **Wednesdays at 1:30 pm** Father Raymond will share the video from the weekly Zoom discussions the Bishop holds with clergy. Followed by discussion.

SHOP ON THE CORNER would love your donations of Christmas items. People are buying Christmas décor and clothing as fast as we put it on the shelves. Thank you! We are in the Shop on Mondays 9-2 and Wednesdays, 8:30—noon. Donation boxes are always outside as well.

Weekly Schedule at Trinity on the Hill

Sunday 11/27	INGATHERING OF 2023 ESTIMATED GIVING CARDS	
	8:00 am	<i>Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Sanctuary (masks required)</i>
	9:15 am	Sunday School, Kelly Hall
	9:15 am	Adult Ed, Sherrill Hall
	10:30 am	<i>Choral Eucharist, Rite II, Sanctuary (masks optional)</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Compline, Sanctuary</i>
Tuesday 11/29	7:30 am	Women Alive! Meets via Zoom
	10:00 am	<i>Funeral Service for Jerry Dick, Sanctuary</i>
Wednesday 11/30	7:30 am	<i>Holy Eucharist, Chapel (masks required)</i>
	8:30 am	Shop on the Corner open until noon
	12:30 pm	<i>Healing Service, Chapel (masks required)</i>
	1:30 pm	Conversations with the Bishop in Sherrill Hall
Thursday 12/1	7:30 am	Men's Group, Sherrill Hall
Sunday 12/4	8:00 am	<i>Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Sanctuary</i>
	10:30 am	<i>Choral Eucharist, Rite II, Sanctuary</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Compline, Sanctuary</i>

Lessons for next Sunday, December 4, Advent 2

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Serving Today

Pianist, 10:30 am	Brian Huysman
Server, 8 am	Andy Light
10:30 am: Server	Mariah Stephens
Crucifer	Peter Maginot
Torch Bearers	Hazel Brookshire, River Yamada
LEM/Lay Reader, 8 am	Rozelle Wright
LEM/Lay Reader, 10:30 am	Lynn Godwin
Prayers of the People, 10:30	Anne Huysman
Altar Guild	Jo Moore, Karen Humphrey
Usher, 10:30 am	Maggie Moore
Media Team, 10:30 am	Bill Godwin

Blessing for Birthdays

Watch over your servants O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing for Anniversaries

Gracious God, we lift up your servants to you in thanks for your love. Guard them as they grow and nourish them with your grace that they may grow close to you and to one another always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.