

The First Sunday After Christmas  
December 31, 2023

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)

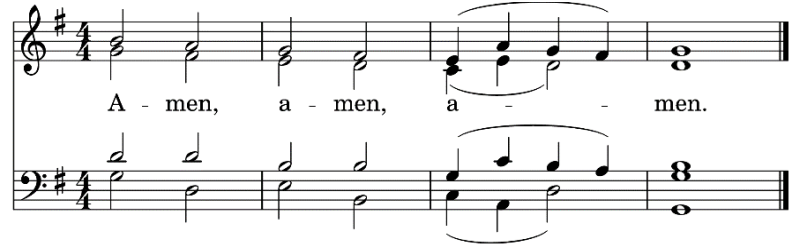
During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

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Please save your conversations until you exit the church to be respectful of those listening to the Postlude.

Postlude: Hark! The Head Angels Sing	Gordon Young
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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Susie and Kevin Baptiste in memory of their mothers, Mary Clemons and Shirley Baptiste.

- OFFICIANT – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao
- LAY READERS – Hank Schepker & Nancy Nagel
- ACOLYTE – Cameron Goodwyn
- ALTAR GUILD – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod
- MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- COFFEE HOUR – in Denny Hall
- NURSERY TEAM – Marrica Hazelwood & Jenny Karluk
- USHER – Greg Lee
- VIDEO STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

When you pray, please remember the following:

Anika Kapur, Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Holly Dean Schlotterer, Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Anne Dull, Sue Stroson, Harry Bowen, Jr., Nick Hanak, Michael Foreman, Kaitlin DeCesare, Phil Frank, Verity Jones, Jane Gerring, Lynn Shepley, Ben Durrant, Parker Ann Martin, Nancy & Tom Dawson, Jake Anderson, Amanda Looney, Robert Johnston, Eddie Oliver, Lee & Janet Showalter, June Stertz, Michelle Fisher, David Wolcott, Larry Rock, Viola Muller, Tom Walker, Sharon Hoyle, Marcy, Connie Rosenbaum, Alan Rosenbaum, Barbara Akers, Christy Darlington, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Lawrence Mitchell, Sally & Jay Fiedler, Harry Broadus, Jim Smith, Bentley Wetzels, Brad Rose, Goldie Groom, Sandy Litz, Jamie Owens, Carol Perenzin, Mickey Stokes, Elizabeth Felicetti, Don Akers, Carolyn Burns, Grady Hebert, Brent Hodges, Judy Jones, Brian, Chip, Laura, Ed Mulreany, Peggy Loeper, Christy Allen, Donna Crane, Dennis McArdle, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Marissa, Jean Duke, Guy Ross, Tommy Collins, Barry Akers, Hersch Goldberg-Polin, Susan & Dave Woods, Jamie Owen, Polly Akers, David Wilson, Carol Migacz, Travis Scarborough, Karl Grotos and Peter Plourd, Katie McFadden, Lindsay Rodrigues and Davis Spain.



Receiving Holy Communion

The Hoy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again. (BCP p. 859) We are eager to share this remembrance with you. God welcomes you to receive His body and blood for forgiveness of our sins, and to be strengthened in our relationship with Christ and one another.

- † At the appropriate time, people in your pew will come forward to the altar railing. We will begin on the left side facing the altar with the first pew. Please proceed forward on the right side of the aisle, returning on the left side.
- † Please fill the altar railing in from the right side to the left.
- † Once you have arrived at the altar, you may stand or kneel to receive. Both hands, with one hand supporting the other are put forth.
- † The sacramental bread (wafer) will be placed in your hands with words such as “The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.” A response is not necessary, but some may say “Amen”.
- † The chalice will be offered to those who have consumed the bread. Please help the Chalicist by placing your hand on the base of the cup to take a sip of the wine.
- † If you wish to intinct the bread, please hold it up and the Chalicist will pass you and a bowl for intinction will be offered. Please do not intinct in the common chalice from which others drink.
- † After you have received, it is customary to wait until the person next to you has received before returning to your seat. You do not need to wait for all at the railing to receive before returning.
- † When you return to your seat, you may kneel or sit in prayer and reflection of the wonderful gift that you have just received. Please join in singing of the communion hymns.

If for any reason you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. At the altar railing cross your arms over your chest signifying that you are there to receive a blessing only.

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Happy birthday to the following:

Bob Sampson	1/3	Linda Catlett	1/6
Mimi Bennett	1/4	Christine Charbonneau	1/6
Jessi Briere	1/6	Lucy Edwards	1/6

Happy anniversary to the following:

Emily & John Moore	12/31	Donna & Bill Hall	1/2
Martha & Peter Plourd	1/1		

Announcements

- ❖ **First Fridays - January 5. Host needed!** Please sign up in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Inquirer’s Class – January 7, at 9 AM** in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Sit, Stitch and Craft Night: Monday, January 8, at 5 PM.** Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **Tuesday Bible Study** will resume **January 9.**
- ❖ **Men’s Bible Study** will resume **January 10.**
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast – Saturday, January 13, at 8 AM.** The program will be “Recommended Self-Defense Measures and Appropriate Weapons for Personal Protection.” The program speaker will be Chris DeHart. Chris served Powhatan County in law enforcement for 28 years and is married to our own Wendy DeHart. Please plan to attend this very informative presentation, and of course enjoy a great breakfast!
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club:** Our next Manakin Book Club will meet at Manakin on **Tuesday, January 16, at 5:30 PM.** We will be discussing The Measure by Nikki Erlick. This thought- provoking book should provide some great discussion! All are welcome to join us. Bring a friend. Dessert will be served!
- ❖ **Choir Practice:** The **Chancel Choir (adults)** rehearsals **Thursday, at 7:30 PM.** If you would like to join the choir, call Rita Gulliksen (804) 272-0505.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as individual bags of chips and Pop Tarts and proteins (pop-top cans of beefaroni/ravioli are especially welcome). Please place these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. **Join us on the first Friday of the month.** You can meet us at Manakin at **9 AM** or at the site at **9:30 AM**, 3035 Lower Hill Road, Powhatan. If you have any questions, contact Penny Sawyer at 804-794-5609.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are in the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items and current needs beef, chicken and vegetable soups and pop tarts. Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult & puppy), laundry items (detergent/softener/dryer sheets/bleach), towels, blankets, toys (such as “Kongs”), treats, medium collars/harnesses/leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note “Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund” to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

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## The Collect

### Traditional

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

### Contemporary

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## The Psalm

### Psalm 147:13-21

#### *Laudate Dominum*

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

### The New Testament: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7


Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

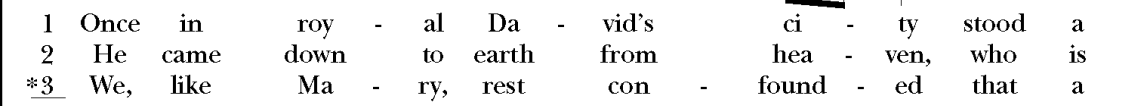
### The Gospel: John 1:1-18

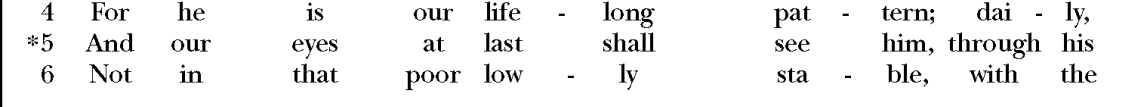
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Processional Hym #102 – Once In Royal David’s City





1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the





1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

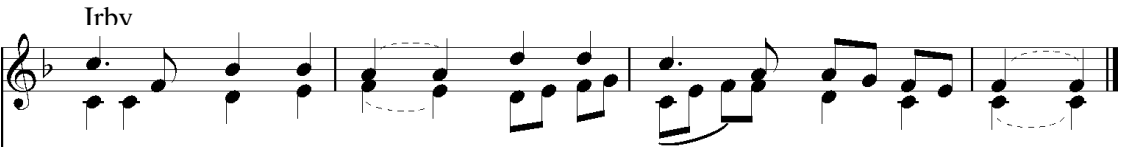




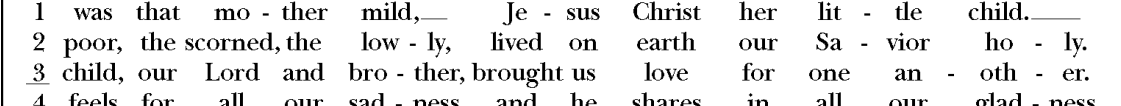
1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -


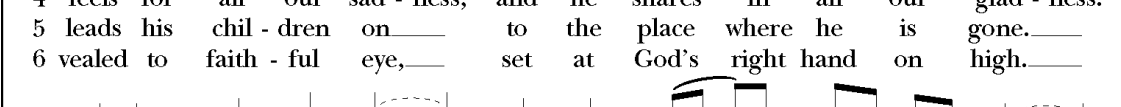


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1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —







Sequence Hymn #101 – Away In A Manger




1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
\* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Communion Hymn #324 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

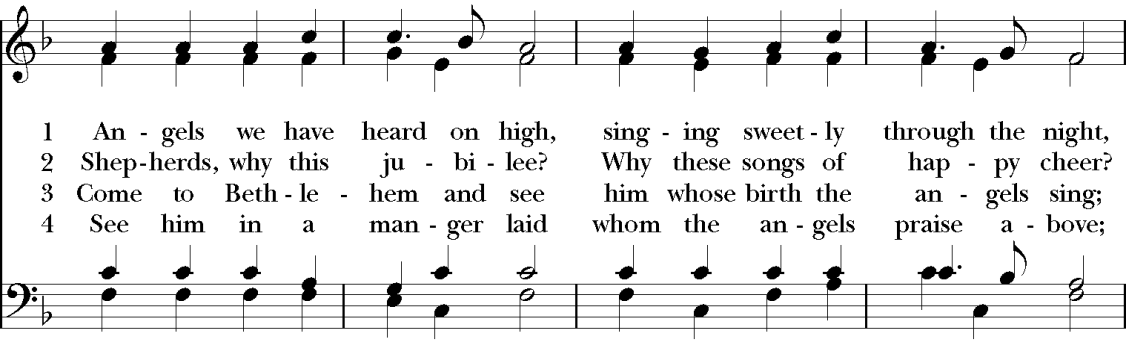


Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
that the powers of hell may va - nish  
“Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

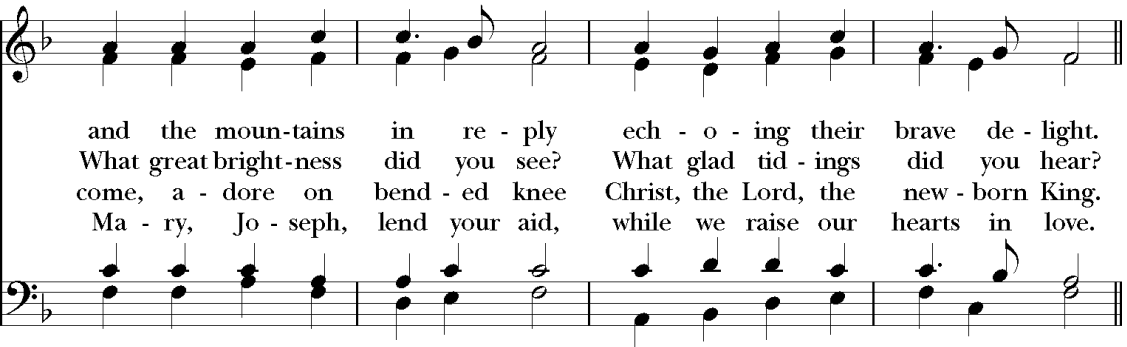


our full hom - age to de - mand.  
his own self for heaven - ly food.  
as the dark - ness clears a way.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Closing Hymn #87 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

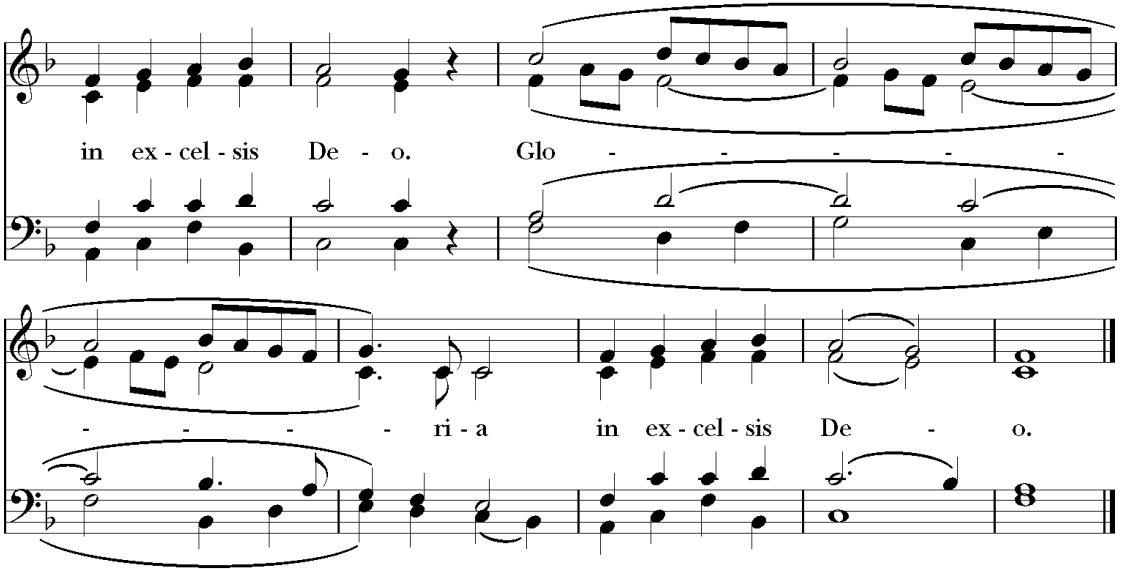


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

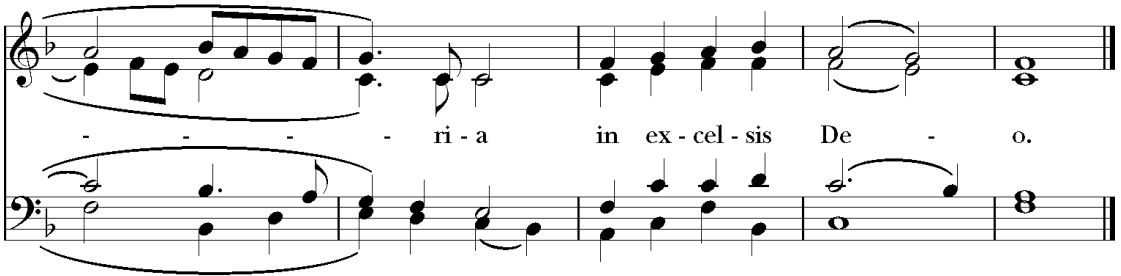
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