

# MANAKIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## The Fourth Sunday Of Advent

December 22, 2024

### 10 AM - Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

*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.*

**Prelude:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gordon Young

**Processional Hymn #436 – Lift Up Your Heads**

Truro

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 for ever. Amen.*

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*The Celebrant may say*

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 Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

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Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Christmas Pageant**

**Narrators:** Libby & Kate Hott

**Scene I: The Prophecy**

**Prophet:** Libby Hott

**Scene II: The Annunciation**

**Gabriel:** Grace Allen

**Mary:** Marji Rawlings

**Joseph:** Cameron Goodwyn

Hymn # 79 - O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1, 2, 3

St. Louis

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

**Scene III: The Arrival in Bethlehem**

**Innkeeper:** Bennett Goodwyn

**Baby Jesus:** Eloise Howell

**Hymn #101 – Away In A Manger vs. 1 & 2**

Cradle Song



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.

**Scene IV: The Angels and The Shepherds**

**Head Angel:** Virginia Gates

**Angels:** Avery Agee, Emma Bayarski, Jacqueline Bayarski, Mae Butrico, Winnie DiStanislao, Page Horgan, Rory Horgan, Charlotte Anne Howell, Annie Bryd Moore.

**Head Shepherd:** Mike Chester

**Shepherds:** Luke Agee, Thomas Butrico, David Gates, Barrett Ruby, Harrison Ruby

**The Star:** Noelle Allen, Johanna Gates

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The lyrics are: "No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el."

**Hymn #96 - Angels We Have Heard On High vs. 1, 3 & 4**

Gloria

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.

The musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The lyrics are: "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."

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**Silent Night** (Solo)

Addison Karluk, soloist

**Scene V: The Magi**

**Herod:** Bennett Goodwyn

**Wise Men:** Ashby Chester, Luke Chester, Wilder Horgan

Hymn #128 - We Three Kings

Three Kings of Orient



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

O \_\_\_\_\_ star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



Hymn #100 - Joy To The World

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

**The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45(46-55)**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

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

*all standing*

**Prayers of the People – Form II**

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Susan Haynes; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Walter, Sally, Bo, Priscilla and Beth, whom we remember today].

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Kathy and John Watkins in honor of their seven grandchildren.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of the kingdom; and grant that we the servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold the Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And also with you.*

## Announcements

**Anthem:** Alma Redemptoris Mater

Marcel Dupré

*After the communion, the Celebrant says*

**The Doxology – Hymn #380 verse 3**

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures  
here be - low; praise Him, a - bove, ye heaven - ly host, praise  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

                  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*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus, S130**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

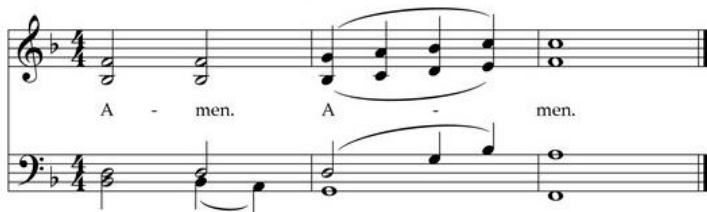
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## The Amen

Dresden



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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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,

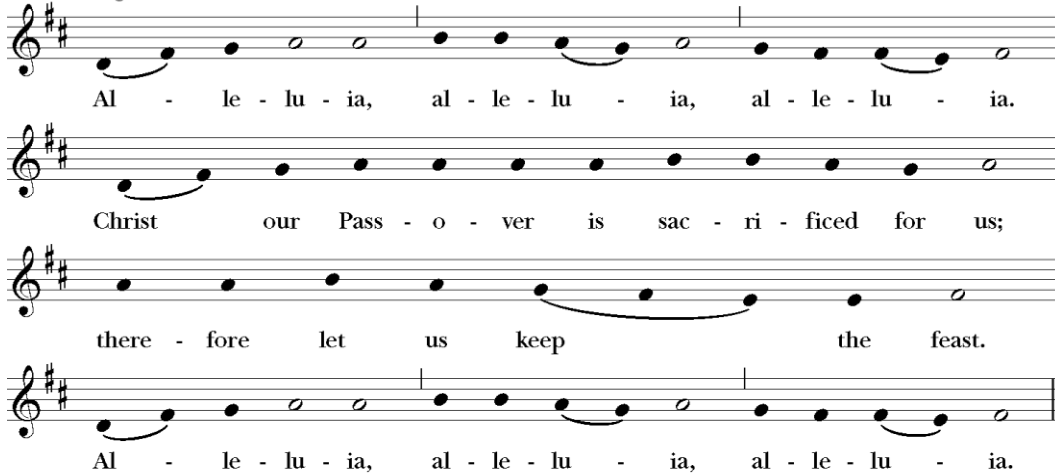
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

### Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover, S154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

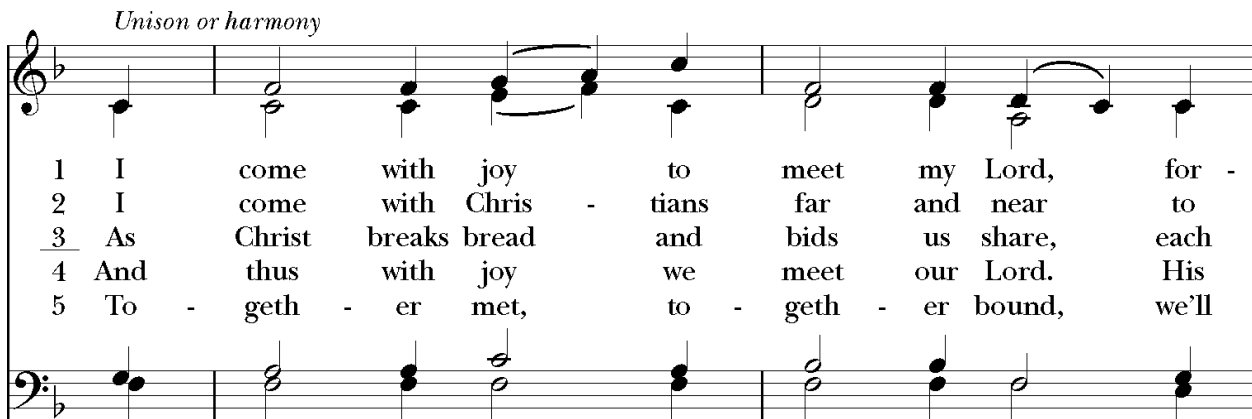
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

### Communion Hymn #304 – I Come With Joy

Land of Rest

*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Communion Hymn #66 – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - 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.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn #56 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1, 4, 7**

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



## Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Noel Suisse

Dacquin

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## Receiving Holy Communion

The Holy 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.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Kathy and John Watkins in honor of their seven grandchildren.*

*We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.*

*Thank you to Marion Sykes, Susie Stone and all the participants and their parents for their help with the pageant today.*

**OFFICIANT** – The Rev. Gini DiStanislaio

**LAY READERS** – Bill Breed & Nancy Nagel

**ACOLYTE** – Will Hott

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**TELLER** – Liz Lee

**USHER** – Scott Eckmann

**VIDEO STREAMING TEAM** – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

**When you pray, please remember the following church members:**

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy & Tom Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy Aasen and Kathleen Willey.

**When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:**

Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Eddie Oliver, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Davis Spain, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Don Akers, Polly Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Tammy Smiley, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Lawrence Mitchell, Wyatt Nickle, Doug Reed, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Bonnie Kniska and Martey Longmire.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

Walter Smith	12/24	Priscilla Sampson	12/27
Sally Winslow	12/25	Beth Norton	12/28
Bo Campbell	12/27		

**Announcements**

- ❖ The **church office will be closed from December 24 until January 1**. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Gini+ at 804-337-0556.
- ❖ **Sit, Stitch and Craft Night: Monday, January 6, 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 7**.
- ❖ **Book Club:** The next Manakin Book Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, at 7 PM via Zoom**. We will be discussing The Women by Kristen Hannah, a novel set during the Vietnam War. If you are not a regular Book Club attendee and would like to join us, please contact Terry Hood to add your name to the Zoom invitation list. You'll also need to download the Zoom application to the electronic device of your choice prior to the meeting. Contact Terry at: [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com) or 804-418-9372.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study** will resume **January 8**

- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting - Saturday, January 18, at 8 AM (Note the date).** The program will be “Fire Safety and the Fine Creek Volunteer Fire Department ” presented by our own volunteer firefighter, Michael Walker. Michael will discuss topics such as household fires (e.g., kitchen fires, electrical appliance fires), types of fire, extinguishers and what kind to have, fire blankets and their efficacy. He will also discuss how the FD responds to medical calls, and a brief overview and history of Fine Creek VFD. Please plan to attend this very informative presentation, bring a friend and of course enjoy a great breakfast!
- ❖ **Choir Practice: The Chancel Choir (adults) rehearsals Thursday, at 7:30 PM.** We need more singers. Please consider joining the choir! If you would like to join the choir, call Rita Gulliksen (804) 272-0505.
- ❖ **Greeters Needed:** Please consider joining the Greeter team. Greeters are needed for the weekly services as well as for special services and events. Please contact Penny Sawyer at [pennyhsawyer@gmail.com](mailto:pennyhsawyer@gmail.com), 804-651-7858, or Christine Charbonneau at [cpcharbo@gmail.com](mailto:cpcharbo@gmail.com), 804-306-1351. We will also have a sign-up in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Mark your calendars now! Manakin Episcopal Church’s 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to England and France – August 4-13, 2025.** Please see the brochure in Denny Hall for more information or contact Elisabet Goodwyn at [elisabet@agrotours.com](mailto:elisabet@agrotours.com) or 804-378-3332.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as fruit cups, applesauce cups, Go Go squeeze applesauce, snack crackers packets 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 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 are chili with beans, scallop or au gratin potatoes, beef stew, Brunswick stew and brownie mix. If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Betsy an email if you can assist with this. [Betsy.moore5@icloud.com](mailto:Betsy.moore5@icloud.com) 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!
- ❖ **The Parking Lot Renovation Is Complete!** New signage will be added shortly to help direct traffic flow and increase safety in the parking areas. In the area closest to Huguenot Trail, please use the timbers as parking curbs as they indicate spaces. Please use the timbers as the starting point to begin the safest parking formation in the front section of the parking lot and at the L- turn. **If you don’t see a timber indicating there is proper and safe clearance for passing cars, please do not park there. Along Denny Hall,** these new parking spaces were added for parishioners with limited mobility. Please pull all the way up to the timbers and use them as curbs as they indicate spaces. Then use the new walkway to access the Denny Hall entrance. **At the Denny Hall Doors,** please use this loop as a drop off location. The loop **should not** be used for handicapped parking and we ask that you **NOT** park on or beside the new sidewalk.

### Christmas Eve Services

**December 24 – 4 PM – Special Christmas Music**  
**4:30 PM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
**7 PM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II – with special music guest, Naima Burrs, violinist**



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***Sextons***—Marvin Skinner & Richard Martin

***Vestry Members:***

*Traci Badin (2024)*

*Stephany Breed (2024)*

*Coleman Brydon (2025)*

*Elisabet Goodwyn (2024)*

*Katie Harrison (2026)*

*Chris Hott (2025)*

*Jeff Lighthiser (2026)*

*David Martin (2026)*

*Michael Walker (2025)*

***Senior Warden***—David Martin

***Junior Warden***—Michael Walker

***Register***—Traci Badin

***Treasurer***—Leslie Eckmann

***Vestry Members Elect:***

*Gunnar Kohlbeck (2027)*

*Ginger Marsh (2027)*

*Brent Rawlings (2027)*