

The Second Sunday Of Advent December 8, 2024

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.

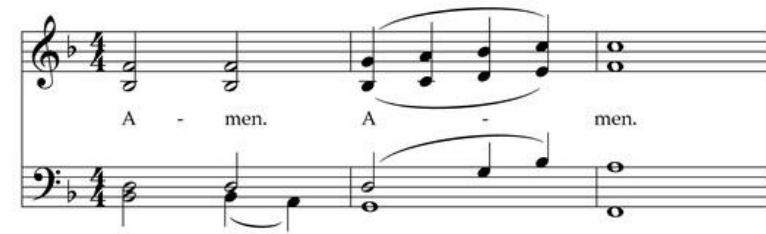
The Word of God

Voluntary: <i>Messiah</i> Recitative: Comfort Ye Bill Breed, <i>tenor</i>	G. F. Handel
Processional Hymn #76 – On Jordan’s Bank Lighting of the Advent Wreath Opening Acclamation & Response <i>The Trisagion, S102</i>	Winchester New The Allen Family Prayer Book Page 355 Page 356 Page 236
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The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Sentence – Please say in unison <i>All that we are and all that we have comes from you Lord God. We offer back the best of what is yours in thanksgiving. (1Chronicles 29:14)</i>	
Offertory Anthem: <i>Messiah</i> Aria: Every Valley Bill Breed, <i>tenor</i>	G. F. Handel
Presentation of Offerings <i>The Doxology – Hymn #43, vs. 4</i> <i>Our Fathers’ God, To Thee – Hymn #717, vs. 4</i>	America
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The Dismissal. <i>Please save your conversations until you exit the church to be respectful of those listening to the Postlude.</i>	

Postlude: Trumpet Dialogue Clerambault

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Lynn Novak in memory of Birdie Lighthiser.

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

- OFFICIANT** – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao
- LAY READERS** – David Denson & Nancy Nagel
- ACOLYTE** – Cameron Goodwyn
- ALTAR GUILD** – Leslie Eckmann, Lea Emory, Sharon LaLiberte, Lynn Novak, Becky Vestal
- MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER** – John Kochensparger
- COFFEE HOUR** – in Denny Hall
- NURSERY TEAM** – Jenny Karluk & Marrica Hazelwood
- USHER** – Liz & Greg Lee
- VIDEO STREAMING TEAM** – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens



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.

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, Kay Hansell, 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, Glenn Webster, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Don Akers, Polly Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Jacob, David, Connie Rosenbaum, Tammy Smiley, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Megan Loving, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Lawrence Mitchell, Wyatt Nickle, Doug Reed, John DiFiglio, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers and Aaron Spicer.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Janet Darby	12/8	Katie Cole	12/14
Annie Moore	12/9		

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Donna & Bill Wohlford	12/14
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Announcements

- ❖ **Pledge Update:** Thank you for your consideration of pledges in support of our 2025 aspirational budget as presented at our November 17 Annual Meeting. As of December 3, we have received 53 pledges totaling \$259,416 or 62% of our goal. If you have not submitted a pledge, prayerfully consider how you can support our exciting plans for 2025.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Vestry Meeting: Today** in the parlor following fellowship time.
- ❖ **EFM will meet on Monday, December 9, at 7 PM.**

- ❖ **Tuesday Bible Study** will meet **Tuesday, December 10, at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting: [https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09](https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;); Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study – Wednesday, December 11, at 9:15 AM:** Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and lively conversation. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This study will be for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- ❖ **Ladies Night Out: Wednesday, December 11, at 5:30 PM at Palermo's.** They are closed on Tuesday. Please contact Beverly Whitley at 804-499-0886 by 2 PM on **Monday, December 9.** If you miss the deadline and would like to come, please call the restaurant and add your name to the list.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, December 14, at 8 AM.** The program will be "Christmas Traditions: Background and History" presented by Don Marsh. Don will discuss where many of the Christmas traditions we observe during the Holidays originated. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn why Christmastime has such wonderful traditions.
- ❖ Service for **Sarah Mungle will be Saturday, December 14, at 11 AM.**
- ❖ **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, 804-651-7858, or Christine Charbonneau at cpcharbo@gmail.com, 804-306-1351. We will also have a sign-up in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Mark your calendars now! Manakin Episcopal Church's 325th 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 or 804-378-3332.
- ❖ **Book Club:** The next Manakin Book Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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 or 804-418-9372.
- ❖ **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 1st & 3rd 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 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!

Advent and Christmas Offerings at Manakin Episcopal Church

- December 14 – 8 AM – Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting.** The program will be "Christmas Traditions: Background and History" presented by Don Marsh.
- December 15 – 10 AM – Advent Lessons and Carols.** This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. It is a welcome respite from the frantic Christmas preparations of December. Bring your friends and neighbors!
- December 22 – 10 AM – Christmas Pageant and Parish Christmas Party** following with a visit from St. Nicholas!
- December 24 – 4 PM – Special Christmas Music**
4:30 PM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
7 PM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 2nd Sunday Of Advent

The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Response

Canticle 16 Page 92, BCP

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The New Testament: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Processional Hymn 76 – On Jordan’s Bank

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Sequence Hymn #59 – Hark A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

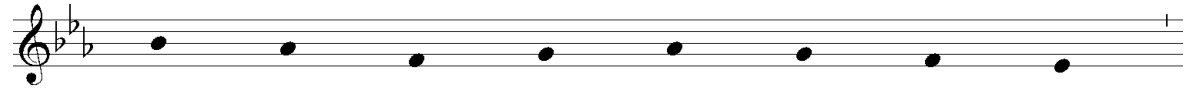
Communion Hymn #60 – Creator Of The Stars Of Night



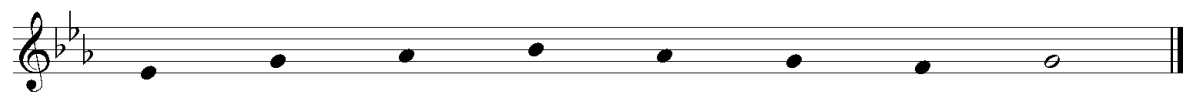
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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 #65 – Prepare the Way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.