

The First Sunday Of Advent
November 30, 2025

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

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Ann Condyles Quiring in memory of her parents, Priscilla & Ed Condyles.

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 – Hank Schepker & Angela Park
- ACOLYTE – Liam Harris
- ALTAR GUILD – Stephany Breed, Janet Denson, Jean Hillsman, Lisa McCue, Alexis Rawlings, Kathy Watkins
- GREETER – David Martin
- CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen
- TELLER – Liz Lee
- COFFEE HOUR – Melissa Drake & Martha Steger
- NURSERY – Jenny Karluk
- USHER – Will & Lauralee Allen
- VIDEO STREAMING TEAM – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

When you pray, please remember the following church members: Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Pat & Rhett DuPont and Trey Harrington.

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

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Joelle Cosby, Paul Bubenshik, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmea Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges, Elaine Jones, Jim Dawson, Terry Royal, Phillip, Dale Custer, Becky Sido, Jan Sierk, Kjerstin Johnson and Bobby Perkins.

Happy Birthday to the following:

Lindsay Collier	11/30	Annabel Schepker	12/5
Missy Rakes	12/1	Christine Carter	12/5
Conrad Aasen	12/3	Margaret King	12/6
Rita Gulliksen	12/5		

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Terry & Tom Hood	12/5
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Announcements

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children’s Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.** Join Zoom meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/97704697365?pwd=TkhIMUtQbXhVMS9TeHVQazl5L0piZz09;>
Meeting ID: 977 0469 7365; Password: 371567.
- ❖ **Men’s Bible Study: Wednesdays 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 is for all levels of learners. We hope that you will join us.
- ❖ **Sit & Stitch: Monday, December 1, 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.
- ❖ **Christmas Poinsettias:** We are now accepting \$15 donations for Christmas poinsettias. Please make checks payable to Manakin Episcopal Church with “Poinsettia” on the memo line. Please indicate those you wish to honor or remember on your order form. Donations are due by **December 1.** You may also donate by using the church’s on-line payment system using the following link: <https://onrealm.org/manakin/give> . Select Altar Guild from the dropdown box in fund. In the memo section, please indicate how many poinsettias you are purchasing at \$15 per plant. Indicate who you are honoring or remembering. Enter email address and continue following the rest of the instructions. Exit after making your payment. You will receive an email receipt when completed. Please include the service fee for on-line payments.

- ❖ **First Fridays: Friday, December 5, at 5:30 PM in Denny Hall.** Hosted by Christine & David Charbonneau. Please bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ❖ **Christian Education Meeting: Monday, December 8, at 1 PM**
- ❖ **EFM Meeting: Monday, December 8, at 7 PM** in the parlor.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, December 13, at 8 AM.** The speaker will be our own Paul Davis. Paul will discuss “Flooding and Water Damage: What’s the Difference From An Insurance Perspective?” Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, the presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **Vestry Meeting: Sunday, December 14** following fellowship time.
- ❖ **Shelter Feeding:** We have our last shelter feeding of the year for 170 lunches on **Saturday, December 27, at 9 AM.** It only takes about an hour to make lunches and we need many hands. We would also love for someone to volunteer to deliver, too. With this many lunches, we will most likely need two cars and split it up. Please sign up in Denny Hall and let me know if you are also able to be a driver to deliver. Help spread a little more Christmas Cheer to those in need!
- ❖ **Nursery Help Needed:** We're looking for volunteers to help in the church nursery! We need people to assist our full-time nursery provider. If you enjoy spending time with little ones and want to support the families in our congregation, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please reach out to Marion about being added to the nursery rotation.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items. Current needs are: **cream of celery, chicken and mushroom soups, canned carrots, canned pineapple, canned turnip & mixed greens, dry lima beans, corned beef hash and beef/chicken stew.** 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 “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 1st Sunday Of Advent

Please join Manakin Episcopal Church
for
Founders Day
Sunday, December 7

8 AM - Holy Eucharist
10 AM - Holy Eucharist (BCP 1662)
The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes Officiating
Special Presentation of Joint Resolution of The General Assembly
by Delegate R. Lee Ware and Senator Luther H. Cifers, III

Reception Following

“Celebrating 325 years of Serving God”

Plastic Bag Recycle Program

Once again Manakin will join The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags now through November 2026 or until our goal is met. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic! This is easy to do, and we can reach our goal if you all help us!

What can be recycled? Grocery bags, shipping envelopes, bread bags, Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper), newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags and **No plastic bottles please.**



Once you have collected a good amount, simply take a picture of it, weigh it on your scales and take it to your local grocery store that is participating such as Kroger or Publix and place it in the recycle bin. Send your pictures and weight amount to Jean Hillsman at jmhillsman56@gmail.com and she will keep a record for us. Or, if you prefer, please bring your plastic donations to the church and place them in **the bin in room number 5 in Denny Hall**. Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench.

The Collect

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.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Psalm

Psalm 122

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 Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 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 Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

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

The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Processional Hymn #61 – Sleepers Wake

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let
shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as
wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the
cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

Continued



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

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

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

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

Sequence Hymn #68 – Rejoice, Rejoice Believers



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Communion Hymn #57 – Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

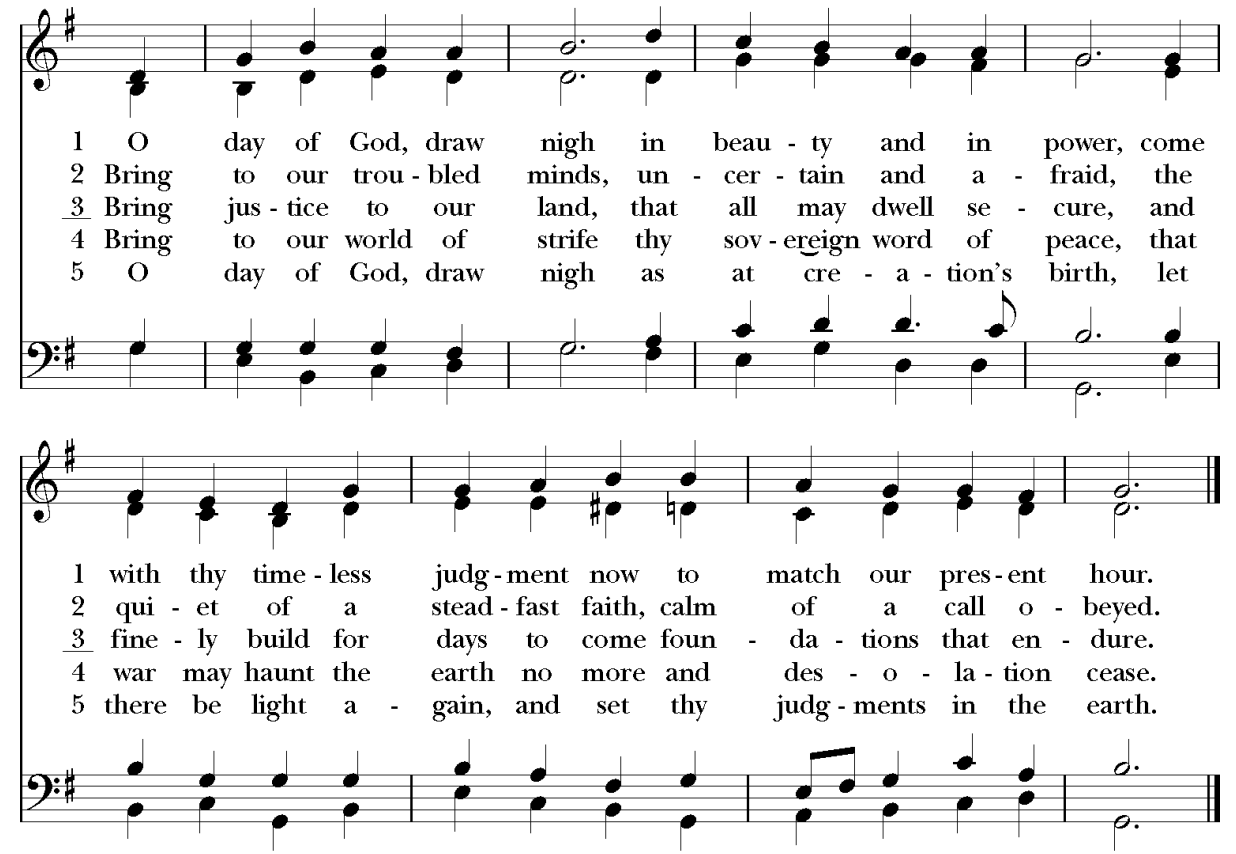
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Communion Hymn #601 – O Day Of God, Draw Nigh



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

Closing 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.