

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

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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.

Announcements

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 Esmee 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:

Katie Cole	12/14	Corinne Almond	12/18
Bruce Russell	12/16	Tom Hillsman	12/19

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Donna & Bill Wohlford	12/14	Christine & Gene Carter	12/17
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- ❖ **Sunday Morning Children’s Time at 9:45 AM:** The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Vestry Meeting:** Today following fellowship time.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Ladies’ Lunch Out: Tuesday, December 16, at 11:30 AM** at Joe’s Inn. Contact Beverly Whitley at 804-499-0886 if you plan to attend.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club:** We will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 13, at 7 PM** to discuss Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller. The book is described as "a wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything." Please be sure to have the Zoom application downloaded onto the electronic device of your choice if you'd like to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or via email at thhood@hotmail.com.
- ❖ **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 **canned items: butter beans, baked beans, potatoes, turnip, mixed greens, pineapples, corned beef hash; dry goods needed: coffee, lima beans, grits, muffin mix, saltine crackers and dog food.** 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!

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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 3rd Sunday Of Advent

The Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Response

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The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 Epistle: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Processional Hymn #437 – Tell Out My Soul

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system includes a four-part vocal entry. The second system features a piano introduction. The third system continues the vocal melody. The fourth system concludes with a final cadence in the piano and a repeat sign.

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Sequence Hymn #68 – Rejoice, Rejoice Believers



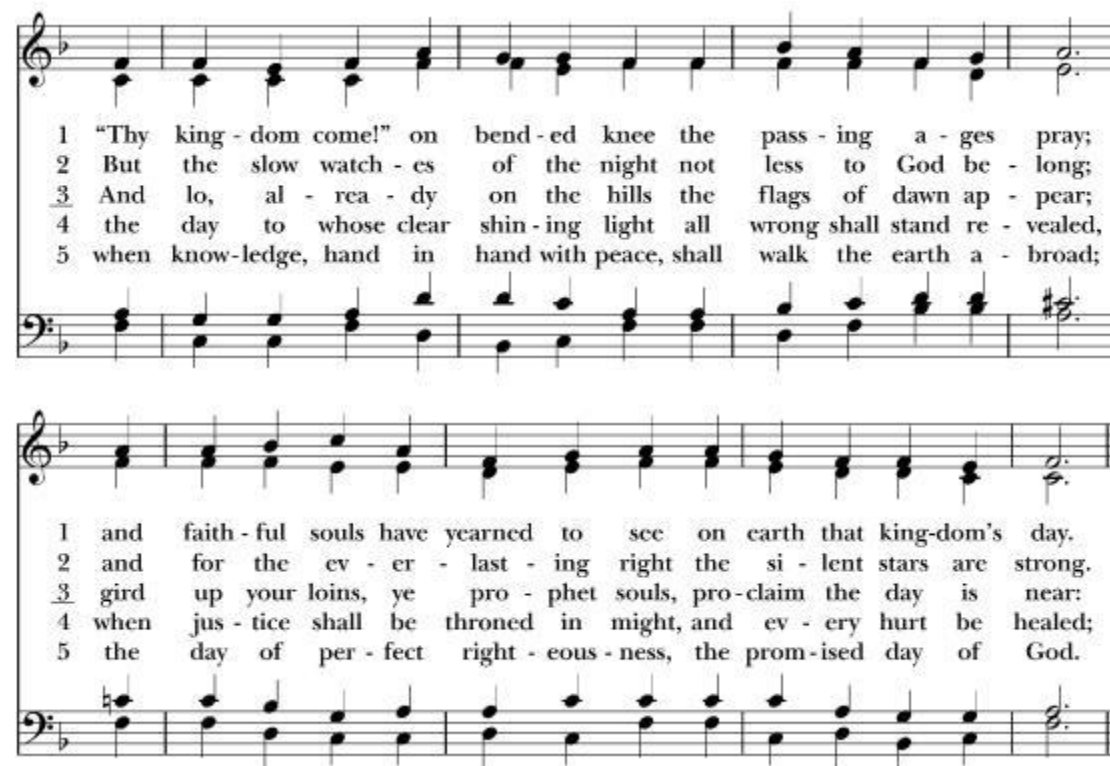
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

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 #615 – Thy Kingdom Come



1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near;
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Communion Hymn #72 – Hark! The Glad Sound!

Descant



4 Our glad ho-san-nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel-come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa-vior Comes, the Sa-vior
2 He comes, the pris-oners to re-lease in Sa-tan's
3 He comes, the bro-ken heart to bind, the bleed-ing
4 Our glad ho-san-nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel-come

shall pro-claim; and heaven's e-ter-nal

prom-ised long; let ev-ery heart pre-bond-age held; the gates of brass be-soul to cure; and with the trea-sures shall pro-claim; and heaven's e-ter-nal

arch-es ring with thy be-lov-ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev-ery voice a song. fore him burst, the i-ron fet-ters yield. of his grace to en-rich the hum-ble poor. arch-es ring with thy be-lov-ed Name.

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.