

December 10, 2017



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I  
10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

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### 8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I) THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Call to Worship

*Presider* I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

*People* ***Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord that we may learn God's ways  
and walk in God's path.***

*Presider* Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

*People* ***Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!***

#### The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &

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Lord have mercy upon us

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The Collect of the Day (2nd Advent)

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The Lessons (last pages)

*Advent wreath lit during reading of the Psalms*

The Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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The Confession of Sin

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The Peace

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Prelude: “Pastorale”**

**Mieczyslaw Surzynski**

**10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)**

*The Congregation joins the choir in singing the following Advent introit as a prelude to our worship.*

**Hymn #56 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ”**

***Veni, Veni, Emmanuel***

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

4. O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Refrain*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**The Call to Worship**

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and walk in God's path.***

*Presider* Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

*People* ***Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!***

**Opening Hymn: #67 “Comfort, comfort ye, my people”**

***Psalm 42***

**The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity**

**BCP page 355**

**Lord have mercy (Kyrie eleison) #S-96**

***Proulx***

**The Collect of the Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Advent)**

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**The Lessons (last pages)**

*Advent wreath is lit during reading of the Psalms*

**Sequence Anthem:**

**The Sermon**

***The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski***

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People: Form III**

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**The Confession**

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**The Peace**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn: #65 “Prepare the way, O Zion”**

***Bereden väg för Herren***

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

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**Sursum corda: #S-120**

**Sanctus: #S-130**

***Proulx***

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem #S-164 “Jesus, Lamb of God”**

The Communion

**Communion Music: “O come, O come, Emmanuel”**

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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*Gerald R. Near*

*Charles Callahan*

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**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: WLP # 724 “People, look East”**

*Besançon Carol*

**The Dismissal**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude: “Declamation on Psalm 42”**

*Craig Phillips*

## **Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings**

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for all bishops, priests and deacons; for our priest Fr. Ron;

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Grace Downey (12/13), Joshua Woods (12/12), Emily Messier (12/15), Hannah Mangiafico (12/13) Erin Woods (12/15), Talon Kozlak (12/15);

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Christ Church, Bethany; St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; For the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk

### **Parish Prayer List**

**Prayers added the week of December 10:** Kim F., Frank Sloan; Joan, Melissa; Barbara Potterton; Natalie Perry; Sam & Grace Downey; The Conrad families, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Florence Coulombe, Mike Duval, Luther Gibson, Liz Farnham & Priscilla Bronke; Irene, Jeni, Mary Jo, Gloria; Lianie; Kyle;

**Prayers added the week of December 3:** Eleanor Barron, Andrew Nolette, the family of Jacqueline Smith; Cathie McAlistar, Chin Osmond, V.F., R. Bettancourt, S.F., C. Farren, T. Jeter, E. Caron, N. Vidal, Henry Jones, S. Hicks;

**Prayers added the week of November 26:** Sienna Roper; Denise B., Jessica Starkey; Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

**We pray for the deceased**

**Prayer List:** Our Prayer Ministry will confidentially and faithfully pray for those on our prayer list. While individuals will continue to be included on our prayer list for a month, we will publish only the most recent additions in the bulletin.

### **Advent & Christmas Services**

Services of Holy Eucharist for the *Four Sundays of Advent* (12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24) will be our usual services at 8:00 (Rite 1) & 10:00 (Rite 2).

The *Christmas Pageant* will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10 a.m. service.

On Christmas Eve there will be the regular 8 & 10 o'clock services.

The traditional *Christmas Eve service with choir* will be held at 5:00 p.m.

On *Christmas Day* there will be one service of Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas there will be a service of *Lessons & Carols* at 9 a.m.



## Announcements

**Our Church School children and Youth Group** will be selling hand-made Christmas ornaments after church at coffee hour this Sunday. All proceeds will go towards supporting families in need through the Columbia Food Bank and Columbia Congregational Church. We will be providing supermarket gift cards in holiday baskets that are being prepared. **Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.**

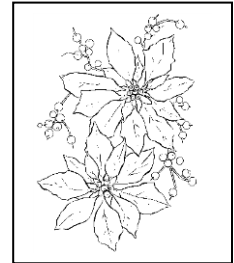
**Christmas Cookies** – Our annual cookie baking for Christmas Giving will provide **195 dozen cookies** to families who are clients of HIHS (Hebron Interfaith Human Services) this Christmas. Please bake some if you can and bring them next Sunday (December 17) when St. Peter's parishioners will be putting together the platters after the 10 o'clock service. For any questions please call Judi Babin.

**The Christmas Mail Boxes** are out and waiting for your Christmas cards. For those who aren't familiar with this annual mailbox, you can save a stamp by putting your Christmas card for a parishioner in the box behind the appropriate letter, and your card is delivered on a Sunday! Don't forget to check to see if you received a card!

**Local Food Pantry Collection** – This month's non-perishable food collection is for the Hebron Food pantry (HIHS).

**The American Red Cross** will be holding a **blood drive** at Phelps Hall on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an invaluable Christmas gift that you can give to three people by donating your blood. It takes about an hour start to finish.

**Poinsettias** as a memorial to decorate the church on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day are available for ordering. There is a sheet at the back of the church for sign-up. \$12 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.



### **Christmas Pageant December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Hello everyone!

It's that time of year again. The Christmas pageant is only three Sundays away. It will be held on Sunday, December 24th at the 10 am service. Please contact Allison Forrest if you have children who would like to be part of the pageant. Narrators and costumed "actors" are needed. Please let Allison know ASAP so she can assign roles. Any parents who are interested in helping **are more than welcome**, even if it's just standing in the back of the church and "entertaining" little sheep during the performance.



Thanks so much, I look forward to hearing from you. Allison

**Blue Christmas Service** - **Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.** at Gilead Congregational Church. This is a service of comfort, healing and hope in recognition that the holidays are not always an easy time for everyone especially those experiencing losses of all kinds. Come as you are and bring a friend!

**Stewardship** - Thank you for your 2018 pledge. We are very near our goal set for this year's budget. There is still time to get your pledge in if you have not done so.

**Bring your creche (nativity scene) to church.** In addition to the usual Christmas decorations we invite you to consider bringing a nativity scene to place on our window sills. If there is a story behind your creche write it on a card along with your name. Bring them to church no later than Friday, December 22.

**Women's Club-** It's almost time for our Christmas party! Joan Churney is hosting the party again this year at her home. She's providing the whole dinner and a nonalcoholic punch. She already has a number of volunteers who will bring dessert so we only need to bring wine and a wrapped ornament for the Yankee Swap. The party will be held on Monday, December 18th starting at 5:30. We'll eat at 6:00. Her address is 110 Cone Road, Andover, CT 06232. Please let Joan know by Friday, December 15th if you are planning to attend. You can call or text her at 860-202-2440. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you've never been to a meeting before. We had an absolutely wonderful time last year so we're all looking forward to the party.

## DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>December 10</b> <b>ADVENT 2</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>Church School 10 am</b>	<b>December 11</b>  <b>Prayer</b> <b>Ministry 11:00</b>	<b>December 12</b>  <b>Choir practice</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>December 13</b>	<b>December 14</b>  <b>Seniors?</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>December 16</b>
<b>December 17</b> <b>ADVENT 3</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>Church School 10 am</b>	<b>December 18</b> <b>Women's Club</b> <b>5:30 p.m. @</b> <b>Churney's</b>	<b>December 19</b>  <b>Choir practice</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>December 21</b>  <b>Vestry 7 pm</b>	<b>December 22</b>  <b>Decorating</b> <b>the Church</b> <b>for Christmas</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> <b>1-6</b>	<b>December 23</b>
<b>December 24</b> <b>ADVENT 4</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>Christmas Pageant</b> <b>10 a.m.</b>  <b>Traditional Christmas</b> <b>Eve service</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>December 25</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>HOLY</b> <b>EUCARIST</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>December 26</b>  <b>Choir practice</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>December 27</b>	<b>December 28</b>  <b>Prayer</b> <b>Ministry</b> <b>11:00</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b>December 30</b>
<b>December 31</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Service of Lessons</b> <b>and Carols 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>January 1</b> <b>New Year's</b> <b>Day</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>January 2</b>  <b>Choir practice</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>January 3</b> <b>B &amp; G</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>January 6</b>  <b>EPIPHANY</b>
<b>January 7</b> <b>Epiphany Sunday</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>January 8</b>  <b>Prayer</b> <b>Ministry 11:00</b>	<b>January 9</b>  <b>Choir practice</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>January 10</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>January 12</b>	<b>January 13</b>

## **The Readings for the Second 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: Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### **The Response: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.



- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
    righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
    and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
    and our land will yield its increase.  
13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
    and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### **The Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

### **The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
    who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
    ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
    make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”