

Grace Weekly: The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

**denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy*

Children's Chapel is offered the second and fourth Sundays at the 10:30 am liturgy.



***Prelude**

Lo, how a rose

Johannes Brahms

Advent Wreath Lighting

Celebrant

Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The candles are lit. The Candle Lighter(s) recite the following scripture (Colossians 3:15).

Candle Lighter(s)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

All

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn 76**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

Collect of the Day

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.

First Reading: 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.

Psalm 84 (8:00)— *Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.*

1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

4 Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

6 As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

9 Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Canticle 16 (10:30) – Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- 11 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.

Second Reading: 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.

***Sequence Hymn 75**

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

The Holy 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."

***Offertory Music**

The eyes of all

Jean Berger
Psalm 145:15, 16

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in dues season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

***Communion Hymn 67**

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

***Recessional Hymn 59**

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

***Postlude**

Saviour of the Nations Come

Paul Manz

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Adele, Ben & Joanne, Bill & Diane, Donna, Edwina & Frank, Gwen & the Breese family, Jim & Eleanor, John & Christa, Kent & Crystal, Linda & Al, Maribeth, Nan, Prescott, Sami, Tom & Christy

Friends of Grace: Anne, Ronald & Linda, Ashley, Becky, Benn, Billy, Carol, Carol, Dale & Trish, Dick, Drew, Ed & Chris, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ellen, the Hallmark family, Howard, Ila, Isabel, Jackie, James, Jennifer, Jo & Kate, Joell and family, John, Mary, Matt & Marcia, Maxcy, Melene & Ron, Mickie & Howard, Norris, Pam, Randy, Robert, Robin, Rosemary, Sarah, Scott & family, Sharon, Spencer, Sue, the Taylor family

In our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: The Falkland Islands & the Rt. Rev. Timothy Thornton

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Jan Treston, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

Altar Guild: John Zeller, Edwina Costley, Posy Williams, Kathy Jennings

Coffee Hour: Lorelei & Dale Yerse (8:00); Suzanne Leclair (10:30)

Collection Counters: Paula Welling & Laurel Destry

Crucifer, Server, & Torchbearers (10:30): Sarah Yeargin, Melanie Walt, Scarlett & Stonewall Strickland

Lectors: Carol Lans (8:00); Diane Collins, Pam Davis (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: John Mozelewski, Lorelei Yerse, Louisa Lunt (8:00)
Mary Lockey, Madison Owen, Kenneth Ratcliffe (10:30)

Ushers (10:30): Bill Pace, Phyllis Watson, Walt Lambeth

Eucharistic Visitor: Kent Clary, visiting Dot Reid

Advent Wreath Lighters: Jo Phelps (8:00); Melanie Cyre (10:30)

Today's flowers were given to the glory of God by Marlene Hyatt in honor of her mother, Hilda Hyatt.

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES: Making Jesse Tree ornaments for ourselves and our neighbors. All ages welcome. Thatcher Hall.

Serving dinner and singing to our neighbors at the Pathways Center: Calling all singers, servants, and chefs! We will meet at the Pigeon Multicultural Center (450 Pigeon Street) to carpool to Pathways at 4:45 pm. Christmas caroling will take place from 5:00 to 5:30, after which we will engage in fellowship and cook and serve a meal to the residents. Join us!

Announcements

Pub Theology will meet on Monday, December 10th in the Blue Ridge Beer Hub from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The topic: "Unless we let go of the familiar, the safe, the secure, unless we take the risk of becoming vulnerable, we cannot grow."

Adult Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 11th, at 12:00 noon in the Library.

Lectionary Bible Study: Join Joslyn+ in the Library on Wednesdays during Advent at 10:30 am for a Bible study on the upcoming Sunday readings, with a special focus on the theme of hope.

The ECW Cookie Walk will take place on Saturday, December 15th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The goal is to raise at least \$1000 to benefit the new Women and Children's Center at Haywood Pathways. Come out and purchase some Christmas cookies for a cause!

Through the Advent Door: Contemplative Practice – You don't want to miss next week's Adult Forum, to be presented by Emily Chatfield-Lusto, Rev. Earle Pratt, Sara Tyburski, and Susan Williams. We will explore the Taizé worship tradition, which uses chants, silence, and contemplative prayer to connect with the Divine.

Taizé Service: Join us on Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 pm for contemplative worship inspired by the Taizé community of France. Taizé is an ecumenical religious community established in 1940 that uses simple chant, prayer, scripture, and silence as means of connecting with God. At our service, we will engage all of our senses in a candle-lit dark sanctuary to focus on the coming of Christ as the light in our darkness.

Ways to Give & Share this Holiday Season (log on to www.gracewaynesville.com for complete information):

- **Angel Christmas Tree:** All gifts are due in Thatcher Hall by *Wednesday, December 12th*. Contact Laurel Destry (828-558-7818 or laurel1641@gmail.com) or Maureen Hunt (678-491-7952).
- **ECW Cookie Sale Preparation:** There is still time to sign up to bake! Contact Carol Lans (828-926-8062) with questions about making cookies in the church kitchen on *December 10th and/or 11th*, or Laurel Destry (828-558-7818) for general information. Cookie intake is *Thursday, December 13th from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm* in Thatcher Hall.
- **Christmas Cards for Military Veterans:** Stop by Thatcher Hall *between now and December 16th* to sign a card or two for local veterans who will be confined during the holy season.

Christmas Party and Greening of the Church: Join us on Sunday, December 23rd at 4:00 pm as we celebrate the reason for the season with food and fellowship, followed by the decoration of our church with greenery.

Gatherings this Week: December 9th – 15th, 2018

(= open to all to attend)*

- * ECW Cooking Baking, Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Kitchen
- * Education for Ministry, Monday, 6:30 pm, Library
- Finance Committee Meeting, Monday, 6:00 pm, Library
- Adult Education Committee, Tuesday, 12:00 noon, Library
- * Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- * Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- * Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Choir Room
- * Marthas Knitting Guild, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- Daughters of the King Board Meeting, Thursday, 10:00 am, Library
- * Cookie Intake, Thursday, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm, Thatcher Hall
- * Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Location TBA
- * Christmas Cookie Walk, Saturday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Thatcher Hall

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The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Rector

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The Revs. Orion Davis, Earle Pratt, & Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates

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Dawna Keilman, Nursery Supervisor

Sarah Yeargin, Interim Parish Administrator

Dawna Wade, Parish Administrator-in-Training

Members of the Vestry

Bill Collins, Sr. Warden (2018)

Mary Lou Daily (2018)

Linda Sexton (2018)

Linda Deeb (2019)

Rob Viau (2019)

Paula Welling, Jr. Warden (2019)

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