

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* **H 58**

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

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.



The First Lesson *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Psalm Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Said together:

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 Lesson *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hymn *The King shall come when morning dawns* **H 73**

Gospel Lesson *Luke 21:25-36*

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People BCP 387

We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory *Savior of the Nations, Come* Schalk

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

To God the Father, God the Son,

And God the Spirit, ever One,

Praise, honor, might, and glory be

From age to age eternally From Hymn 63 vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "D" BCP 372

Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S 129

Memorial Acclamation H-S 141

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their

seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed H 323
"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us H 61
How bright appears the Morning Star H 497

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Watchman, tell us of the night* H 640

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Louisa Bennit. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Justice in memory of loved ones.

The Advent Wreath is given by Mr. & Mrs. Marc Meachum in memory of Mr. & Mrs. M.T. Meachum.

The Door Wreathes are given by Mr. Bill Davis in memory of Mrs. Betsy Davis

The Chrismon Tree is given by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Richardson in memory of loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Becky Beckett Will Puckett
Chalicer Rob Merritt Becky Beckett
Lector Bernadette Dragotto Becky Beckett
Altar Guild Becky Beckett Patty Richardson Carol Georgis

Attendance Last Sunday 31

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Marlene, Lee Puckett, Sr., Phyllis & Nelson Walker, Alex B., Toni R., Jared Cregger, Kerrigan Farmer, Lindsey Parsley, Daisy Bowman, Ellie Spencer, Sue Godwin, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Ann Richardson, Sherry Mitchell, Carrie D., Loraine Keffer, Sharon Cranfill, George Strike, Levertt T., Bea Paine, Frankie Sparks, Diane Sudduth, Audrey, Denny Arner, Jodi Scarberry, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney

Birthdays This Week: Rebecca Broyles and Niko Parks

This Month's Plate Offering: The Boy's Home

Calendar of Events

Wednesday – December 5 ECW Eucharist and Dinner 5:30pm
Sunday – December 9 Annual Meeting after Church
Canterbury Club at the Beckett's 6:00pm
Wednesday – December 12 Advent Meditations and Taize
Saturday – December 15 Blfd., WV Christmas Parade 1:00
Sunday – December 16 L.E.M. Training after church
Tuesday – December 18 DOK Meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – December 19 Men's Dinner 6pm
Vestry Meeting 7pm
Thursday – December 20 Food Pantry 9-11am
Monday – December 24 Christmas Eve early service 5pm
Christmas Eve late service 11pm

Announcements:

Collecting Special Items for December and January Food Pantry: ECW will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves and socks for our Food Pantry friends. You may leave these items in the plastic bin in the narthex. Thanks to everyone who contributed blankets for the October and November Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry friends really did appreciate these.

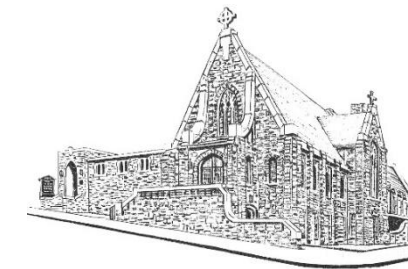
Sign-up sheet: There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the Potato Bar Luncheon December 9 after the service in Rowley Hall and before the Annual Meeting. We will be having white and sweet potatoes. Sign up for the kind that you want. We will also have salad, dessert and beverages.

T-Shirt Order Form: Please use the pre-order forms in the Narthex. The cost is \$15 for short-sleeve shirts and \$21 for long-sleeve shirts and hoodies.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas add your name to the sign-up list at the Usher's Station in the narthex. Poinsettias are \$15 and can be donated in honor or memory of a loved one.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton
Dr. Rob Merritt Senior Warden
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FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 2, 2018

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.