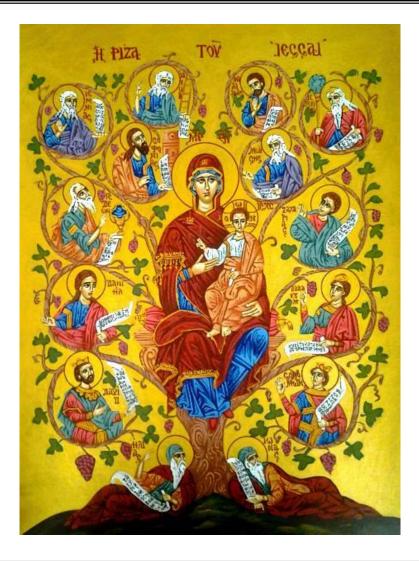
Church of the Epiphany



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 28, 2021—10:30 am

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A Note To Our Guests:

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us this morning as we celebrate Holy Eucharist! You are also invited to sign a pew card.

Guests sometimes worry about what to do next...where to turn in the book and whether to stand, sit or kneel. From time to time you will receive page number guidance from the clergy, and you may watch to see what others do. The "BCP" page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, the black book. The "S" numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. But we invite you into worship and just to enjoy the service. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive, but wish to come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.

We are blessed to have you with us! So, sing the hymns, join in, and celebrate the joy of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection!

Again, welcome ... We wish you God's peace and joy!

Faithfully, *The People of Church of the Epiphany*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)—Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)—Sunday 10:30 a.m.

> Morning Prayer via Zoom Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 28, 2021 Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 9:30 am

A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to the service.

SILENT MEDIATION	Psalm 96:9				
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before Him.					
PROCESSIONAL	Once He Came in Blessing	Hymn 53			
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355			
Gloria	All Glory Be to Go on High	Hymn 421			

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

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**.

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."

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE PSALM	Psalm 25:3-9		
All	Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.		
Cantor	Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.		
All	Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.		
Cantor	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. Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.		
All	Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.		
Cantor	He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.		
All	Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.		
The Epistle	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.		
Lector People	The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.		

Gospel Hymn

O Very God of Very God

Hymn 672

All Sing Alleluia

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

LectorThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

All Sing Alleluia

SERMON Fr. Stace Tafoya

SILENT MEDITATION

Habbakuk 2:20

The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Offertory	Como Estrella En Claro Cielo	
	(As a Star on Cloudless Evenings)	

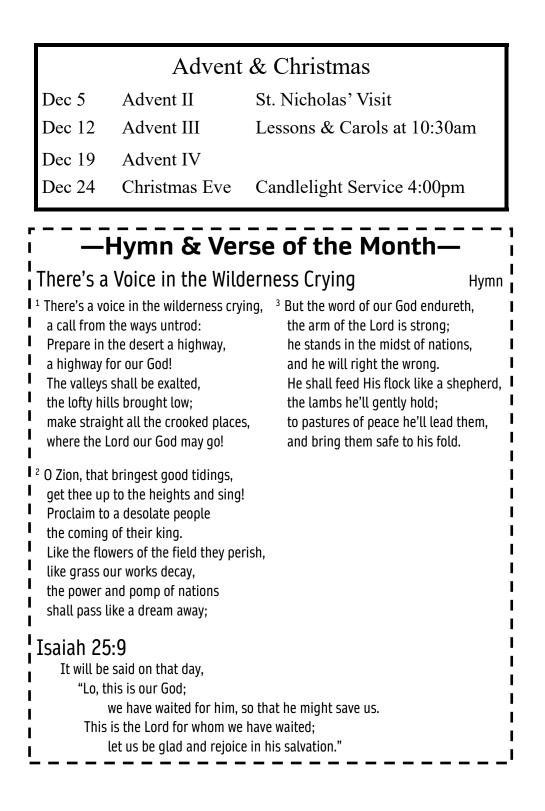
DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING	BCP 361	
Sanctus		Hymn S-128
Great Amen		Hymn S-147
Fraction Anthem		Hymn S-264
Jesus, bearer Jesus, redeem	of God: have mercy on us. of our sins: have mercy on us. er, redeemer of the world: beace, give us your peace.	
Communion Music	Jesus Came, Adored by Angels	Hymn 454
Post Communion Pray	ER	BCP 365
Recessional	Comfort, Comfort Ye My People	Hymn 67

BCP 388

BCP 358



We are a community of discipleship, healing and worship. We are committed to God, one another and the transformation of the world in Jesus Christ.

News

Hymn & Verse of the Month for December—Pick up your bookmarks in the commons! *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying* - Hymn 75 Isaiah 25:9

Fall Sunday School—continuing through Advent

- **Teen & Adult Class**—Join us for in-person classes from 9:30-10:15am to discuss *The Imitation of Christ.* Outside reading is encouraged but not necessary; each class will be self contained.
- Elementary Age—Fr. Stace will check-in with elementary kids over Zoom from 9:15-9:30am to discuss what they've been reading in the Biblical literacy program. Use the Zoom ID: 950 217 2940
- **COVID Delta Variant**—We ask that all unvaccinated people wear masks inside the church. Anyone who is medically compromised or lives or works with vulnerable people is also encouraged to mask up.
- Stewardship—Pick up your 2022 pledge cards in the commons and prayerfully consider if you can contribute your time to church ministries. Or, you may email our bookkeeper directly with your pledge amount at: LesleyWilliamsCPA@gmail.com

Spiritual Formation—Suggested Calendar for the week of November 28 th							
<i>The Story Bible</i> (Engelbrecht) Ages 2-8	<i>The Child's Story</i> <i>Bible</i> (Vos) Ages 9 and Up	Growth in the Word (Shafer) Grades 7-12	Experiencing the Presence of God (Tozer)	The Imitation of Christ with Commentary (àKempis/Billy)			
Suggested pace: about 2-4 stories per week	Suggested pace: about 4-6 chapters per week	Suggested pace: about one lesson per week	Suggested pace: about one chapter every 2 weeks	Suggested pace: about 3 chapters per week			
Jehoiachin's New Clothes, Daniel in the Lions' Den, Daniel Sees Heaven, The Lord Leaves the Temple	More Stories About David & Saul, David the King Whom God Loved, How the Good King Sinned	Chapter 5 Lesson 5	Chapter 8 (continued)	Book 3: 13. Of obedience & humility, 14. Of seeing ourselves through God's eyes, 15. Of what we are to do & say above all our desires			