

The Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Opening Voluntary

A Virgin Pure

Nicolas LeBegue

Processional Hymn

"Winchester New"

Hymn 76

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;

without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holv Spirit, evermore.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Trisagion Hymnal S 102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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**.

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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord *People: Thanks be to God*



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The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus

Luke 1: 68-79

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * born of the house of his servant David.

Congregation Response

He has raised up for us a mighty /savior, * born of the house of his /servant David.

- 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.
- Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all who hate us.

Congregation Response

He has raised up for us a mighty /savior, * born of the house of his /servant David.

- 4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.
- 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.

Congregation Response

He has raised up for us a mighty /savior, * born of the house of his /servant David.

- 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,
- To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Congregation Response

He has raised up for us a mighty /savior, * born of the house of his /servant David.

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**.

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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn "Stuttgart" Hymn 66

1 Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. 3 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Luke 3:1-6

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon Reverend Nicholas Hull

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation:

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop, and Mark Bourlakas our Bishop; and Justin, Jonathan, and Nick and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us. Lord:

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

Gracious God, for one hundred years you have guided and sustained the mission and ministry of this Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. As we prepare for another century, stir up your life-giving Spirit in our congregations to revive and renew us for the spreading of the Gospel: Draw us out among our neighbors and help us understand the deep longings of their hearts. Guide us forward so that we may be leaven for the world; a gathering strong for service and glad in praise; and a people listening and responding to your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and steadfast companion. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace, Announcements

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem Comfort, Comfort Ye arr John Ferguson

The Doxology: Hymn 380 verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn, to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Celebrant and People)

Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation (Celebrant and People) 138

Hymnal S

We remember his death We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this

bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread BCP 364
Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 154

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksqiving.

Communion Chant: Arise, O Jerusalem Baruch 5, Psalm 147
Communion Hymn "Conditor alme siderum" Hymn 60

1 Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer, of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

2 In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

3 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

4 At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

5 Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us, while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

6 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

praise, honor, might, and glory be The Post Communion Prayer

from age to age eternally.

Celebrant: Let us pray

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

"Besancon Carol"

WLP 724

1 People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look East and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad. Tough earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish. People, look East and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen

God for fledging time has chosen. People, look East and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look East and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Dismissal

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind and go forth in the name of Christ.

The Closing Voluntary

Comfort Ye My People

Georg Boehm

The beauty of the Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Phoebe Pitzer By the Family

The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Rives S. Brown, Jr., Lucy Brown Coleman, Betty Meade Cullinane and Richard A. Walmsley By Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, Jr.

The Advent Wreaths on the front doors are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mary Dandridge Payne Smith By the Family

The Nativity Scene is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of R. B. McCutcheon and R. B. "Cutch" McCutcheon, Jr.

By the Family

Monthly Prayer List: Hannah "Lou" Shelton, Julia Hall, George R. Lewis, Scott Derks, Marie, Peggy, Margaret Quintard, George Scouras, George Lester, Pam Robertson, William Fretwell, John McAdams, Hilda Olson, Billy and Marcy Smith, Missy Lannom, Donna Gregory, Tommy, Lauren Prince, Joyce Wallace, Fletcher Coolidge, Peggy Crowley, Russell Pruitt, Mike Schull, Tom, Kim & James, Sarah Jarrett, Brenda, Jane Spilman and Nevaeh Craighead.

We remember in our prayers our companion church of All Saints Keighley and its Priest, Jonathan Pritchard and our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas.

Christmas Offering Envelope – Please remember a gift for your church at Christmas time. Adding a 13th month to your giving would be wonderful, but any offering this Holy Season is greatly appreciated. The envelopes are in the Narthex for your convenience.



Christmas Flowers/Memorials – Please place your orders for the 2018 Christmas Memorial Flowers if you would like to put flowers on the altar "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving of" family or friends. The printed order forms are located in the bulletins and the Narthex racks. The cost is \$11.00 for each memorial. Orders are due Fri., December 14th.







(PAT) Gifts – The gifts for the Angel tree are due in the Narthex <u>Sunday, December 9th</u> or in the Church Office by Monday, December 10th at 5:00 PM. As always, if you want to help but are short on time, our youth would love to go shopping for you and/or wrap your presents. Please make your checks payable to CEC with PAT in the Memo line.

PAT Party - The party is scheduled for Sunday, December 16th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Parish House. Volunteers and food items will be needed before and after the party. Please sign-up under volunteers to be a host/hostess or to bring something. We also need monetary donations for the party.

Please contact Frankie Smith at 276-252-9877 or Frankie@thespafm.com OR Tara Williams 850-284-6118 or tara.williams08@gmail.com with any questions.

Christmas Pageant practice schedule will be:

Dec 9, 4:00 Pm sanctuary

Dec 16 4 PM sanctuary

Dec 23 4 Pm sanctuary

Dec 24 Xmas eve service

2018 Pledges - Please have all 2018 pledges turned in by Sunday, December 30th.

2019 pledge cards - Please have your pledge cards for 2019 turned in <u>no later than Friday</u>, <u>December 21st</u>. Now standing at 71 for \$252,468 vs. 2018's 80 for \$265, 263. Let's get those pledges and pledge cards in! Thank you to all who already have!

Looking Ahead:

Vestry Committee meeting - Tuesday, December 11th 5:30 pm in the Parish House. All current and Vestry-elect members are asked to attend.

Public Theology December 12th. Nick Hull will be the speaker and will be doing a presentation on "The origin of Santa Claus". Go into all the world and preach the gospel," Jesus instructed followers before ascending to Heaven. Public Theology welcomes people of all backgrounds and beliefs.Fr. Nick Hull is in partnership with Rev. Kameron Wilds, pastor of Smith Memorial United Methodist Church to offer a variety of topics for discussion.The meetings are held every second Wednesday, the group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mountain Valley Brewing, located at 4230 Mountain Valley Rd. in Axton.

King's Grant Service - Thursday, December 13th at 3:00 pm. Christ Episcopal Church offers Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at King's Grant on a specified Thursday of each month.

UTO Ingathering Sunday, December 16th - Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy; accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessings of all, Jesus Christ. Amen . Place that thanks in your UTO Blue Box or envelopes located in the Narthex.

Blue Ridge Nursing Home Service – Tuesday, December 18th at 10:00 am. On a specified Tuesday of every month we go to the behavioral unit at 10:00 am and the memory care unit at 11:00 am at the Blue Ridge nursing home. Around forty people come to the service from all different backgrounds, and we joyfully pray, worship and sing with them! It is a privilege to worship with the people at Blue Ridge, and to share our faith with each other. Come join us for this unique service!

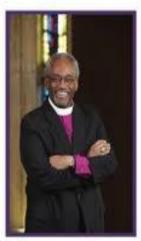
Loaves & Fishes - Wednesday, December 19th from 5:30-6:15 pm. With more and more people attending this community ministry each month, the cost has gone up. We are in dire need of a lot of desserts and fruit. People are also needed to help serve and clean-up! Please sign up under the volunteer link.

Acoustic Music Practice - Wednesday, December 19th at 5:30 pm in the Undercroft.

Christmas Service Schedule:

Advent 4, December 23rd, Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 am & Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 am Christmas Eve 5:30 pm service w/ the pageant Christmas Eve candlelight service 10:30 pm Christmas Day one service at 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Holiday office hours: Friday, Dec. 21st close at 12:00 noon Monday, Dec. 24th closed Tuesday, Dec. 25th closed Wednesday, December 26th closed Tuesday, Jan. 1st closed



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Happy Birthday this week to: 12/9 Elizabeth Boyd; 12/12 Sergio Amato, McKay Ullstein; 12/13 Natalie Coleman; 12/14 Beth Sibbick; 12/15 Catherine Maxwell

Grace Network Sunday - Our Grace Network Assignments for December 2018: Corn Bread Mix (i.e.: Jiffy) For the month of December: Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser or Barbara Holland to shop for Grace Network. "Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry."

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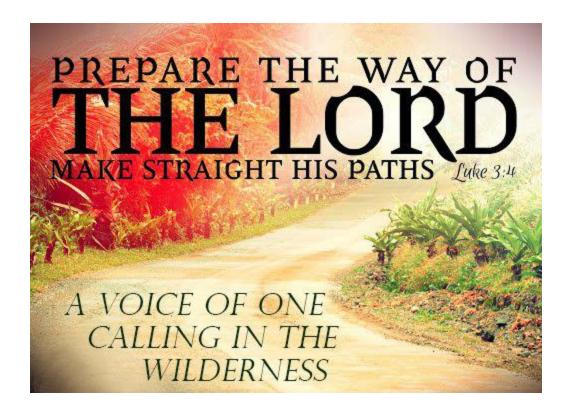
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Ushers: Pete Scouras, Randy March

Altar Guild: Team One - Susan Critz, Amy Hooper, Debbie Lewis,

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Vestry for 2018

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