

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023 10:30am

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

| Celebrant People | Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts. |
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| Celebrant People | Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. O Lord God of hosts. |
| Celebrant People | Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts. |
| Celebrant People | Show us your mercy, O Lord. And grant us your salvation. |
| Celebrant People | Christ the Lord, Son of the living God, light from light, leads us into the light and reveal his holiness. With confidence let us make our prayer: Come, Lord Jesus. |
| Celebrant People | Light that never fades, dispel the mists about us. Awaken our faith from sleep. |
| Celebrant People | Guard us from all harm today. May your glory fill us with joy. |
| Celebrant People | Give us unfailing gentleness at all times, toward everyone we meet. |
| Celebrant People | Come to create a new earth for us, where there will be justice and peace. Amen. |

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56

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| Dec. 17) 2 | 0 | come, | thou Wis - | dom from | | on high, | who | or - derest |
| Dec. 19) 4 | 0 | come, | thou Branch | of Jes | - | se's tree, | free | them from |
| Dec. 21) <u>6</u> | 0 | come, | thou Day - | spring from | | on high, | and | cheer us |
| Dec. 22) 7 | 0 | come, | De - sire | of na | - | tions, bind | \mathbf{in} | one the |
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| Em - man - | u - el shall | come to thee, C | Is - ra - el! |

The Word of God OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

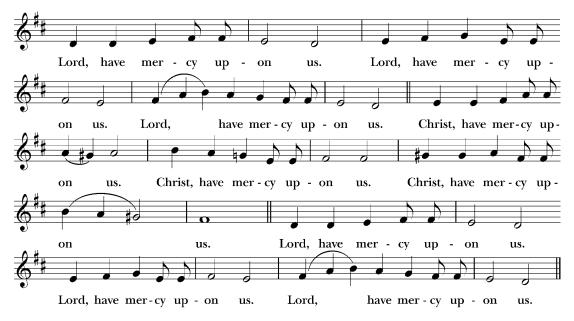
The Celebrant may say

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*.

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SONG OF PRAISE

The following is sung, all standing as able



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
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| 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*.

The Lessons FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Remain seated.

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse.

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.
³Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
⁴O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

| ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; * |
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| you have given them bowls of tears to drink. |
| ⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * |
| and our enemies laugh us to scorn. |
| ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; * |
| show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. |
| ¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * |
| the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. |
| ¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; * |
| give us life, that we may call upon your Name. |
| ¹⁸ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; * |
| show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. |
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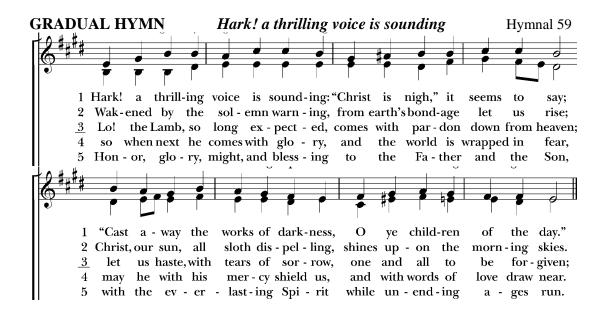
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.Silence may follow.



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

All stand as able.

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when

the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Will Lowry

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED All stand as able.

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing as able.

Presider: Faithful God, stir up your strength and come to help us as we look for the revealing of our Savior Jesus Christ; hear our prayers and strengthen us to the end as we pray: Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Litanist: We give thanks to you, our Loving God, for the grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus: Enrich your Church in speech and knowledge of every kind that she may not be lacking in any spiritual gift and may be awake, alert and blameless. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Make your name known so that the nations might tremble at your presence: Gather the elect from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven, and let everyone know that humanity is the work of your hand and the sheep of your flock. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all victims of violence. Bring your peace to our world. We pray also for Joe, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Come among us with great power and glory; shine forth and give to all the earth the light of your presence.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Be near to this community, at our very gates and within our hearts, and do not hide your face from us, that we may know your glory in the evening and at midnight and at cockcrow and at dawn, and not be found asleep at the day of your coming. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris. Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Compassionate One, open the heavens and come down with your healing grace for those for whom we pray, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Betty, Al, Fred, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Karan, Jane, Allie, Gene, Amelia, Jesse, Julian, Jackie, Ava, Amber, Dawn, Donna, Lane, Pam, and all on our prayer list.

We give thanks for the grace and peace that come from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let your angels gather your beloved into the day of your triumph as we remember those who have died.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Presider: No one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, for you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand: Shine forth upon your creation, stir up your strength, and come to help us, as we put our trust in you, our Loving Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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

| All stand as able. | |
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| Celebrant | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| People | And also with you. |

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

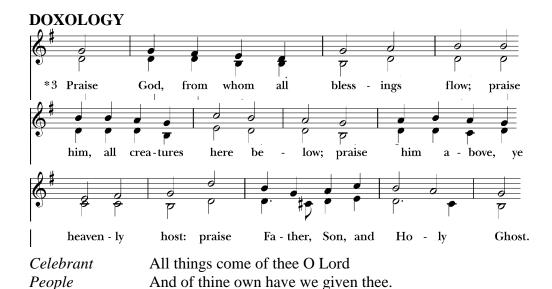
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Creation will be at peace

by Page

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The People remain standing as able.

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
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| 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. |

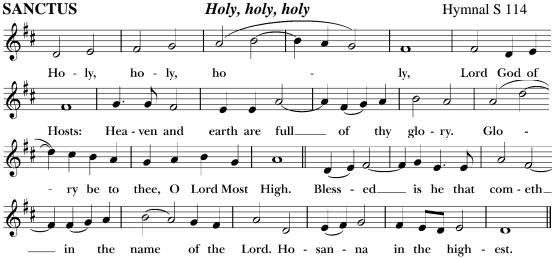
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People



The People stand or kneel as able.

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the 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*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *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, forever and ever. Amen.

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The Breaking of the Bread FRACTION

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*



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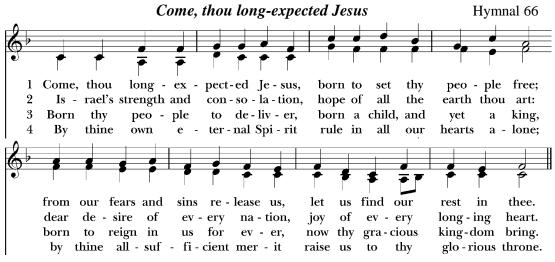
The Celebrant says

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMNS



Into my heart

Alleluia III #37 (yellow book)

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

BLESSING

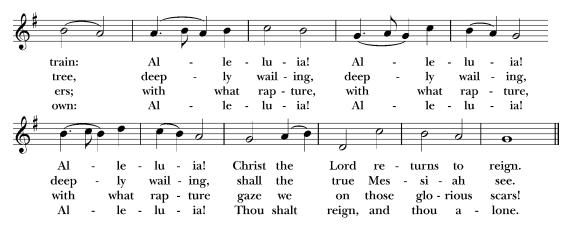
The Priest blesses the people, saying

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*

✐ Lo! he with clouds scend ing, 1 comes, de once for -_ 2 Ev ery shall now be hold him, robed in eye 3 Those dear tok ens of his pas sion still his 4 Yea, a men! let all а dore thee, high on slain; our sal va tion thou - sand thou sand dread - ful jes those who set ma ty; at daz - zling dy bears, of less bo cause end thine e nal throne; Sa - vior, take the ter ing swell the tri - umph of his saints at tend nought sold him, pierced, and nailed him the and to ex ul ta tion his ran - somed wor ship to claim the thine power and glo ry; king - dom for

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending* Hymnal 57

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DISMISSAL

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

NURSERY: We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. If your child would like to come to the children's chapel table during service, they are welcome. If they are 4 and under we ask that they are accompanied by a parent during this learning time. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion. During the Peace and the announcements is the most common time to do this.

Those for whom we pray: Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Betty Huechtker, Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner, Norma Black-Glossop, Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), Martha Cole (Courtney Dardis), Kimberly Worthy, Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Wiley Ashley, Karan Stomps, Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Jane Taylor, Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Allie Signa, Gene Poole, Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), JB Edwards (Courtney Dardis), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones ((Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Amelia Jesubatham, Jesse Ganpot, Julian Jesubatham, Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett, Mike Updike (Joy Howell), Bill Addison (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Joan Rumbley (Amanda Prince), Lyn Burgers (Cyndi Hill), Amber Pierce, Don Pierce Jr. (John Pierce), Peggy Hightower (Lillian Bemis), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Kot (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), Melissa Byrd (Donna Workman Meehan), Pam Allen (Fr. Will), Dawn Johnson, Donna Workman Meehan, Braxton Lipscomb (June Hayles), Lane Melendy, Alyssa Hensley (Fr. Will), Liz Hensley (Fr. Will), Pam Webster, Pam Huerd

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller** (**GSPD**), Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA)

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in December: Cliff Withers (3rd), Dick Blake (6th), Jackie Jabour (10th), Norah Grace Lowry (12th), Janece Allgood (13th), James Howell (13th), Norma Black-Glossop (19th), Jeanie Blake (19th), Donna Workman Meehan (24th), Linda Martin (31st)

In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in December: Rhonda & Joe Barber (29th)

Servers

Acolyte/Chalice Bearer- Dave LiebenowLectors- Jeanie Blake & Millie EricsonUshers- Steve & Margaret GriffinAltar Guild- Judy Allen, Joy Branch, Nancy Campbell,
Fr. Bill Ericson, June Hayles, Cyndi Hill, Ann MarsengillFlower Guild- Rhonda BarberBeadle- Dick Reid

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Linda Martin ('23), Sr. Warden Dick Reid ('24), Jr. Warden John Pierce ('23), Chancellor Linda Ryall ('23) Gene Poole (*24) Nancy Campbell (*25) Sam Nelson (*25) John Stomps (*25)

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Attendance

November 26 8am-20 10:30am-30

Church Financial Status through the month of October

Contributions \$219,411 Operating Expenses \$365,933 Budget Gap -\$146,522

The expenses number represents the standard operating expenses for the Church. Expenses for major Church repair or replacement of HVAC units (for example) are not included in the expense number.

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