

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

10 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after the service.



THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude on *Besançon* (People look East)

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: 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.

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

Colossians 3:15

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.**

Compiled and written by the Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

HYMN - 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

*Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy Name.*

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Please stand as you are able.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

KYRIE

Arranged by Edmund Brownless

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us. Christ, have mer-cy u-pon us." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us." and ends with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a double bar line.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Please be seated.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16 - Page 92, BCP, Song of Zachariah *Read responsively by whole verse*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.

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.

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,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

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.

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.

THE EPISTLE

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

THE NICENE CREED

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

**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

Form III, BCP p. 387

Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray especially for those impacted by COVID-19 as well those on our parish prayer list: Virginia, Timothy, Margaret S. & family, Louis, Shannon T., Marisa, Bill P., Casey, Betsey, Kiernan & Colleen, Lou D., Wayne L., Nancy C., Sheila, Hoa, Diane B., Kaylay, Lorraine, Kathy, Butch, Paige, John M., and Kyle.

We thank you for the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays, especially Ruthie and Courtney, as well as anniversaries.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Concluding Collect:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. Give online (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All persons, including children, are invited to receive the real and living presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail at the invitation of the ushers. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.

OFFERTORY HYMN

People, look East. The time is near



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more
4. An - gels, an - nounce on this great feast, him who



1. crown - ing of__ the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
3. light the bowl__ shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
4. com - eth from__ the East. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble. Trim__ the hearth__ and set__ the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish. That__ in course__ the flow'r__ may flou - rish. Peo - ple, look
3. wea - ther, bright__ as sun__ and moon__ to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
4. hum - ming with__ the word,__ the Lord__ is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



1. East and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on__ the way.
2. East and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on__ the way.
3. East and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on__ the way.
4. East and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on__ the way.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

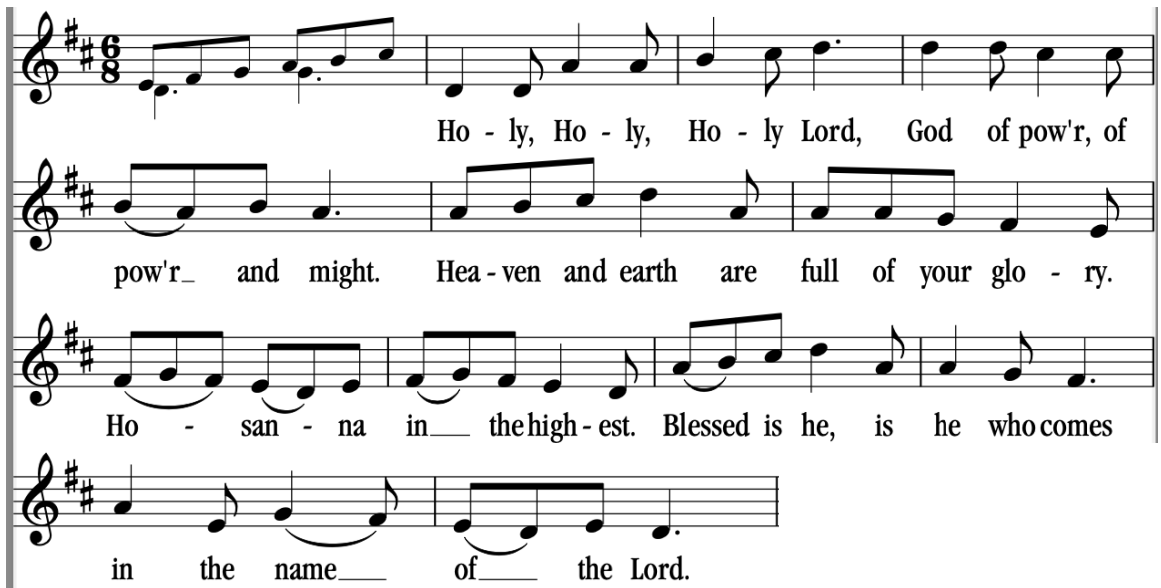
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...

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 & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of
 pow'r_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in_ the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes
 in the name_ of_ the Lord.

The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People and Celebrant

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

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

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The Celebrant says

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI

Arranged by Andrew Adair



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on
us. Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, give us your peace.

For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Blessed be the God of Israel

C F Dm C Gm Csus C F

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre-pare the way

C F Dm Am Gm Csus C F

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all,
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

C Dm C F B^b C

So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor-ship with-out fear and of-fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer-cy from on high shine forth and nev-er cease

F Dm Cm B^b Csus C F

God would turn back our en-e-mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho-li-ness and right-eous-ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a-way the gloom of death and lead us in-to peace.

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme - Johann Gottfried Walther

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Seseck

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Seminarian: Karen Mercer

Lector: Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

Hospitality: Sandy Thompson

Lay Participants for Sunday, December 12

Lector: Shelia Fitzgerald

Acolyte: Anne Wismer

Ushers: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Hospitality: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Please keep those with ongoing needs in your prayers: Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Danny, Joe C., Marisa, Bill P., Dante, David D., Sandy & Jack, Alice, Debbie R., and Marian.

Thank you for joining us for worship. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel. If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at sherwoodparish@gmail.com.

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday

Youth Formation via Zoom @ Noon

Monday

Mother Nancy's day off

Office closed

Tuesday

Joseph Bible Study via Zoom @ 6:15 pm

Wednesday

Office hours 10 am-3 pm

Thursday

Joseph Bible Study via Zoom @ 3 pm

Did You Know?

Last Sunday the manger was quite empty with only a cow sitting quietly and waiting for Jesus. This week we have some shepherds and sheep to add to the scene. Next week there will be more additions ... keep watch!

Donations in by Friday, December 10:

If you are interested in making a financial donation to assist in the purchase of snacks for Cockeysville Middle School's 6th grade Christmas movie on 12/22, please make your check out to Sherwood Episcopal Church and note CMS. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope in the collection plate with CMS noted on the outside of the envelope, or you may drop them in the parish office mailbox. You may also make your donation online at <https://sherwoodcookeysville.org/give/> (Enter the amount next to Pledge and then type CMS in the note field/box on the right.) We would also like to have an event to put together the bags for the students. Stay tuned for more information. If you have questions, please [contact Joyce Mann, Outreach Coordinator.](mailto:joymann3@hotmail.com) (joymann3@hotmail.com) Thank you!

Christmas Service Schedule 2021:

Christmas Eve Service @ 5 pm

In person and Facebook Live

Christmas Day Service @ 9 am

Morning Prayer Facebook Live from Mother Nancy's home

First Sunday after Christmas @ 10 am

Christmas Lessons and Carols

This will be a wonderful time to sing our beloved Christmas Carols!

In person and Facebook Live

Volunteer Needed for 12/12 ... and More Cookies!

We have several slots open for our Cookie Tasting on the 19th, so bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share! (Both homemade and store-bought cookies are welcome!) Please [email Karyn Galetto \(galeto bk@verizon.net\)](mailto:galeto bk@verizon.net) or call 410-557-9013 to sign up. Thank you!



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Sunday Worship at 10 am

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