

Third Sunday of Advent
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
December 14th, 2025
9:00 AM



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION
Northwoods, MO

THE BIDDING & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Season of Advent takes its name from the Latin word adventus, meaning “coming” or “visit.” Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. For Christians Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year. During Advent we prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of our Jewish ancestors for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and new beginning.

THE BIDDING FOR ADVENT

OPENING HYMN

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Behold Your God

Oh thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Zi - on, Oh

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in 8/8 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble, and the bass provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Oh thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Zi - on, Oh".

thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:". The time signature remains 8/8.

Lift up your voice with strength, — Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lift up your voice with strength, — Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be -". The time signature remains 8/8.

hold — your — God. — A - - rise, — and shine, — for the

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "hold — your — God. — A - - rise, — and shine, — for the". The time signature remains 8/8.

light of the world is come. Be - hold — your — God! —

The fifth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "light of the world is come. Be - hold — your — God! —". The time signature remains 8/8.

Presider Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Savior.

People ***Thanks be to God!***

Presider Dear friends in Christ, as we travel towards Bethlehem in this journey of Advent, we come together in the midst of a busy season to take a breath. To slow down as we anticipate Jesus' coming once more into the world. We are invited for a time to breathe in together the life that God gives us; to listen for the beating of God's heart and the blessings and lessons this season brings. As we gather for this time of worshipful anticipation let us in the silence rest in God's presence.

A prolonged silence is kept.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider May Christ, the One whose coming we await, fill our homes and hearts with joyful anticipation as we journey to the manger. ***Amen.***

Presider Each week we light an Advent candle as a symbol of our journey.

People ***With its light comes our prayers and our stories.***

ADVENT WEEK THREE

Presider The candle of this third week of Advent is a candle of JOY. Today the flame of this candle reminds us of the joy that Jesus brings into this world and his presence with us. Jesus said "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."

Once the candles are lit, the Presider continues

Presider Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light.

People ***May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Savior and Sovereign of the ages. Amen.***

THE GREETING

Presider Blessed be the Holy One whose coming we await,
People ***And blessed be the One who comes to set all people free. Amen.***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,
People ***All desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy Name; through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.***

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Holy God, we have fallen short in loving you and loving our neighbors; we stand beside each other and ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider Most Holy God, in the midst of this season of expectation and new life, we confess:
People ***We have resisted the light of your love; we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and we have not treasured the gifts of others around us. Holy Trinity, make us holy. Holy God, make us whole. Amen.***

Presider May the Trinity of Love bring you back to God and forgive you all your sins; be assured of God's eternal love in Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
People ***Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE *(spoken)*

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we proclaim.
People ***O Light of the world, first born of creation, radiance of glory, light from light begotten. God self-revealing, holy, bright and blessed, you shine upon us.***

Day's light is fleeting, your light is eternal and we look to you, our light within the shadow. We sing to you O Creator, Christ and Spirit, you shine before us.

Light of our world, O Jesus Christ, we bless you; giver of life and Child of God we praise you. Here with us the universe proclaims your glory, as you shine among us. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Presider God is with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146: 4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
***he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.***

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
***your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!***

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

A reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 Make our love, O God, more faith-ful, let us take you at your word,

there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg - ment
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the

given.
 Lord.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

THE ADVENT CREED

Deacon Let us stand and affirm our hope in the light of Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God?

People ***We believe in God, eternal, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Deacon Do you believe and trust in Jesus the Christ?

People ***We believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; who descended to the dead, and on the third day rose again; Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Deacon Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People ***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and life everlasting. Amen.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon O God whose Messiah's coming we await, keep us awake and alert to watch for the signs of your coming. As the fig tree puts forth its leaves and the portents of the new day dawns, keep us awake and alert for the second advent of Christ our Savior.

Leader Keep us awake and alert to our humble calling to be the church of Christ in the world. Empower all bishops, priests and deacons to proclaim justice and truth as they care for your holy people especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, Renee our Rector, and Valerie our Deacon. Christ our hope;

People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader Keep us awake and alert to the needs and wants of the nations of the world. Enlighten the leaders of the nations to attend to the needs of the lowest and the least, the last and the left-out, that justice and peace may be our strength and equity our common good. Christ our hope;

People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader Keep us awake and alert to the needs of the sick and suffering.
Embolden our love that we may care with compassion for those in
need. We pray especially for:

John Anthony	Delphine Booker	Harold Briggs
Linette Cayetano	Chris Crittenden	Bessie Clemmons
Keyanna Dorsey & Family	Rick Earley	Ronald Hawkins
Stella Hughes	Marvelle Johnson	Erika Jones
Greg Kelley	Winifred Lemmie	Carol Mecagni
Johnetta Martin	Alex Okumu	Diana Oliver
Helen Owens	Betty Patton	Michelle Pendelton
Marion Robinson	Rick Rollins	Florence Ross
Liseth Salgado	Phillistene Tefend	Patricia Thomas
Carol Weir	David Westfall	Annie White
Antoinette Williams	James Williams, Sr.	

We continue to pray for all those who are still affected by the tornado in May. We
pray especially for our adopted family and many others.

We pray for all veterans and those who are currently serving in the military,
especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force
Captain Jovonny Carrion-United States Army
Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keshar Miller-United States Army Reserve
Captain Steven C. Roberts, II – United States Air Force Reserve
The Rev. Jamal Scarlett-Lieutenant Commander and Navy Chaplain
Major Christopher Westfall-United States Air Force

People may name others silently or aloud. Silence is kept for a time.

Leader Christ our hope;
People ***Shine in our hearts.***

Leader Keep us awake and alert to the needs of friends and strangers.
Energize this community of faith to reach out with compassion to

	transform our neighborhoods and communities to reflect the beloved community of peace. Christ our hope;
<i>People</i>	<i>Shine in our hearts.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Keep us awake and alert to those who mourn, those who grieve and those who are despondent or depressed. Enable us to be Christ's hands of healing and wholeness that we may be agents of comfort and hope. Christ our hope;
<i>People</i>	<i>Shine in our hearts.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Keep us awake and alert to the shortness of our time. Enfold those who have ended their course on earth and have joined the martyrs and saints in the region of light. We pray especially for the soul of Dwan Minor, friend of Deacon Valerie. May we, in our own time, come to the joys of your eternal reign. Christ our hope;
<i>People</i>	<i>Shine in our hearts.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Keep us awake and alert to everything in need of our prayers (PAUSE). Christ our hope;
<i>People</i>	<i>Shine in our hearts.</i>
<i>Presider</i>	Shine forth O God of Hosts, encourage, embolden and energize your people to keep awake and alert to the coming of Jesus the Christ, that he, at his second Advent, may find us ready to greet him and eager to serve those in need; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>
<i>Presider</i>	May the peace of Christ be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

TRUSTING THE TRIUNE GOD

363 Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance: Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore - taste of
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of *rap - ture now
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion: all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove echo - es of
 hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his

Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 good - ness, lost in his love.

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my
 sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Presider God is with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Presider and People "Holy, Holy"

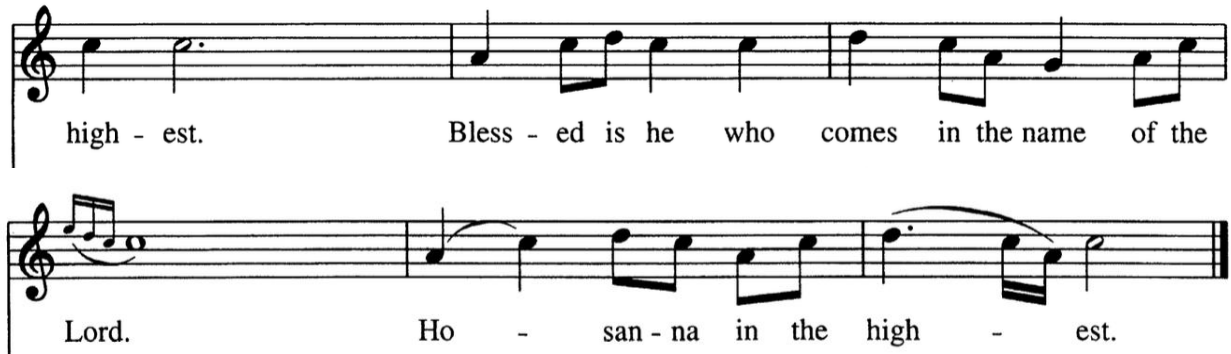
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Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san-na in the



Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

GREAT AMEN *(traditional melody, sung)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray. *(sung)*

***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, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider and People

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider 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 thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All are invited to God's Table. You may come forward to receive the Body of Christ or to receive a blessing. Some may wish to remain in your seats. Please use this time to quietly sit and pray or join in the singing of the hymn.)

(Those at home may, if they wish, say this prayer:)

In union, O God, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

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Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation

1. Lord I have seen thy sal-va-tion, Lord I have seen thy sal-
 2. Lord I have heard of thy king-dom, Lord I have heard of thy

1. va-tion, drank of the blood, held the
 2. pro-mise, looked on thy birth, cried at

1. bo-dy, Lord I have seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my
 2. Cal-v'ry, Lord I have heard, Lord I have heard, Lord I have

Let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth- er on our knees (yes on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh ___

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Together, let us pray.

All ***Eternal God, for whom we await, you have fed us with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

Presider Our Advent candle(s) serve as symbols of our faith in the coming of Christ among us. Faith that God sees us and meets us even in the messiness of life. We now embody Christ's living flame. Let us be the light to a world in need of light, that we may be guided to Emmanuel, God with us, once more.

May the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***

*We give thanks for the many prayers of this Liturgy written by
The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson,
11th Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Glory Be to the Father 961

D Asus A/E D A D A/C#

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

E7 A D A

Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

D A7 D/F# D/A Asus A D

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go forth in the Name of Christ, walking in hope, carrying peace, living in love, and radiating joy.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

TODAY'S LITURGICAL LEADERS

Presider

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Deacon Valerie E. Patton

Worship Leader

Betty Brown

Reader

Walter Fox

Acolyte

Stanley Meredith

Minister of Music

Terrell Thompson

OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: *To be the Light of Christ that builds relationships in our congregation, our community, and with our God.*

Vision Statement: *Finding Christ in Relationships*

Class of 2025

Senior Warden-Joyce Crittenden (2026)
Junior Warden-Gaylard Williams (2027)

Class of 2027

Adrienne Dillon
Sondra Harrell

Class of 2028

Michael Griffin
Stanley Merridith

Treasurer

Rickey Mabry

Convention Delegates

Adrienne Dillon (2027)
Caroline Moore (2027)

Alternate Delegate

Donna Black (2027)



***“Do not value money for any more nor any less than its worth;
It is a good servant but a bad master.”***

- Alexandre Dumas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

We are always ready to pray for family members, friends, neighbors and all those in need of our prayers. As promised, we are returning to the practice of keeping names on our prayer list for six weeks. If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please fill out a 'Prayer Request Form' located at the Ushers' station. Thank you!

ASA STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We need your help! While our official campaign season closed on Dec. 12th, it is not too late to turn in your pledge for 2026!!! If you did not receive a form, please contact the church office or download one from the ASA website. Thank you!

POINSETTIAS DEDICATIONS

We are in the midst of Advent and we look forward to decorating the altar for Christmas. Please consider making a dedication for the Christmas poinsettias that will adorn the altar for Christmas.

Please complete a form to recognize loved ones living or deceased or those who have achieved a special recognition/honor. The dedications cost \$5.00 per line. There is a two-name limit per line or pay an additional \$5.00 to include more information.

All forms must be received by next Sunday, December 21st. Names will be posted in both Christmas bulletins (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Forms are available on our website and at the ushers' station.

REMEMBER OUR ADOPTED FAMILY

Please remember our adopted family during this holiday season and help brighten their spirits! Our family consists of a single mother and her two daughters, ages 18 and 21. We can continue our monetary fund to help pay for repairs to their home. We can provide food and personal items, and gift cards to stores such as Schnuck's, Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Kohl's, and Aldi's. "Whatever you do to the least of them; you do unto me (Matthew 25:40)."

ECM ANNUAL GIFT-WRAPPING PARTY

The Episcopal City Mission Annual Gift-Wrapping Party for the youth in the Detention Centers is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, December 15, 2025, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. The location is Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves. Anyone planning to attend, please bring scissors and a roll of transparent tape.

CORE COLLECTIVE AT ST. VINCENT'S

In years past, we have collected gift cards for the residents of the Core Collective. We would like to continue our tradition of blessing the Core Collective community! "We are so grateful that your congregation can support The Core Collective again this year. We have developed an Amazon wish list for the youth this year. You can access the wish list here: <https://a.co/663zCwZ>. These items can be shipped directly to The Core Collective.

This is a list of gift cards our youth would like to receive:

Amazon	Nike	Target
Apple	Pink	Uber/Life
Bath & Body Works	Schnucks	Ulta
Door Dash	Shein	Visa
Five Below	Shoe Carnival	Walmart
Foot Locker	Starbucks	Xbox
McDonald	Temu	

We have a team of volunteers who will wrap all gifts received. We would like everything in house no later than Friday, December 19th." For further information, you may contact Deacon Valerie.

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT AT ST. PETER'S IN LADUE

Our companion community, St. Peter's, is having Lessons and Carols for Advent this afternoon, December 14, 2025, at 5 pm. Deacon Valerie will be participating in the service. We welcome you to join us!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERTS

The Voices of St. Alphonsus Choir invites you to join them for a beautiful celebration of music, community, and the joy of the season! They are presenting their Annual

Christmas Concert today, December 14, 2025 at 3:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church, 1118 North Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63106.

The Legend Singers Choral Ensemble will present "Soulful Sounds of the Season" on Saturday, December 20 at 3:00 pm at First Baptist Church of Ferguson, 333 North Florissant Road, Ferguson, MO 63135. Admission is free; an offering will be collected.

ASA FOOD MINISTRY – FEED THE NEED

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Thank you for your generosity in feeding our brothers and sisters in the beloved community who are food insecure! The need is becoming more significant as we continue to partner with the Urban League and the decisions being made in our national government. We want the following items to restock our food pantry:

Paper Products

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue

Toiletries

Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Hair Shampoo

Ramen Noodle

Vienna Sausage

Mac and Cheese

Peanut Butter

Canned or Packaged Meat...Tuna or Chicken Breast

Canned Chili

Canned Soup

Canned Spaghetti and Meatballs

Packaged Pasta Spaghetti, and Rice

When purchasing canned items, please consider getting pull-tops, if possible, as many do not have can openers.

REVISIONS FOR THE 2026 DIRECTORY

Did you move to a new address this past year? Change your phone number? Get a new email address? Then be aware that we have begun updating our member's contact data in preparation for the 2026 church directory. We hope to distribute the new directory at our Annual Meeting in January. Please submit any updates of your

contact information made over the past year. Email your changes to Sanford Hamilton at asa2018@sbcglobal.net, or contact him by phone, by Dec. 15th.

ASA'S 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

We are currently planning the 2026 calendar. We are asking that all committees and chairpersons to please submit dates for your events for next year. We are looking for dates ONLY-no reports yet. Please turn in your dates by January 4, 2026.

SIBLING SUPPORT NETWORK

Do not forget that help is there for those dealing with the loss of a sibling due to violent crime. For more info and survey, please go to: sibling support network.org or contact Cheeraz Gormon for more information – cgormon@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider sponsoring the altar flowers for a Sunday Eucharist. Your sponsorship will allow us to make our worship space beautiful. You can make a dedication to your deceased loved ones or give recognition to living loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's blessings. Check out our website for a form or see an usher!

COFFEE HOUR/FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP

Coffee Hour allows us time to fellowship with each other after Eucharist. Thank you to those who have sponsored a Coffee Hour thus far. Please think about signing up with another parishioner to provide treats for this fun event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Refreshments may consist of fruits, pastries/Danish, juice, coffee, tea. **Please note that hosts are also responsible for cleanup.**

COMPLETING OFFERING ENVELOPES

PLEASE HELP make the Tellers' job a lot easier by doing the following:

- Write your name on each envelope.
- Write your number on the envelope if you are not using the one assigned to you.
- See Deborah Dukes or Betty Brown if you do not remember your number.
- If you are writing a check, include the check number in the top right corner.

- If you are paying with cash, please write “Cash” in the top right corner instead of a check number.
- Use one envelope for one donation.
- If your donation is for anything other than your pledge, PLEASE, include on the envelope what it is for, i.e., ECW Dues, Men’s Club, etc.

PAYPAL

Did you forget to bring your pledge with you to a Eucharist? Or perhaps you cannot attend one of the Eucharists on Sunday morning. Then you should consider using Pay Pal to send in your pledge/contribution. It’s fast, easy, and a guaranteed safe way to contribute. Some of our parishioners are already taking advantage of this service. For more information, go to our Website and click on the “Connect Tab” and then click on “Online Contributions.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES **ASA EVENING PRAYER – EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM**

<contact church office for Zoom logon info>

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO EVENING PRAYER ON DECEMBER 24!

ASA BIBLE STUDY

Please join our weekly Bible Study group every Thursday at 10:00 am. We will be discussing Women of the Bible, so come ready to learn and share your insights. I believe that studying God’s Word as a group will strengthen our Faith and will help us relate His Words to our lives in today’s world. Joyce Crittenden, Leader.

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS EVE-5:00 PM
Carols with Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY, 25TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS DAY-10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist

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