

November 27, 2016

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT: HOPE**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 1 & Advent Watch**  
**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 11 & Advent Watch**

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**8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I with ADVENT WATCH**

***WE COME TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD***

***We Stand in Wait for God***

An Advent Call to Worship (*The Call to Worship may be found with the readings on the last page of the bulletin*)

***We Glorify God***

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***We Listen to God's Word***

The Readings from the Lectionary (*The readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*The reader introduces the Lighting at the conclusion of the first lesson.*)

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We light this candle to remind us to be alert and watch for his return. Now let us join together in saying the psalm as the candle of hope is lit.”

The Sermon

The Rev'd Everett C. Perine

***We Proclaim Our Belief***

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***We Offer Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving and Confession***

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***We Are Reconciled to One Another through God's Love and Forgiveness***

The Peace

***WE COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY COMMUNION***

***We Offer Our Gifts to God***

*Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.*

*The ushers collect the offering of gifts from the people and present them at the altar as an offering to God*

***We Join Together for the Eucharistic Prayer***

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*The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing.*

***We Are Sent Out Into the World***

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The Advent Blessing and Dismissal (*The blessing is found in this bulletin at the bottom of page 2*)

# 10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II with ADVENT WATCH

## WE COME TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

### *We Stand in Wait for God*

*The Congregation joins the choir in singing the following Advent introit as a prelude to our worship.*

#### **Hymn #56 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ”**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

#### **Veni, Veni, Emmanuel**

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*

An Advent Call to Worship (*The Call to Worship may be found with the readings on the last page of the bulletin*)

### *We Glorify God*

#### **Hymn #58 (verses 1, 4) “Lo! He comes with clouds descending”**

The opening acclamation and Collect for Purity

#### **Hymn of Praise #60 (verses 1, 5) “Creator of the stars of night”**

The Collect of the Day

*St. Thomas (Wade)*

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*Conditor alme siderum*

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### *We Listen to God’s Word*

The Readings from the Lectionary (*The readings and psalm may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*The reader introduces the Lighting at the conclusion of the first lesson.*)

“Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

We light this candle to remind us to be alert and watch for his return. Now let us join together in saying the psalm as the candle of hope is lit.”

*The following sequence hymn is sung after the second reading and before the Gospel (all seated).*

#### **Sequence Anthem: “**

The Sermon

The Rev’d Everett C. Perine

### *We Proclaim Our Faith*

The Nicene Creed

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### *We Offer Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving and Confession*

The Prayers of the People Form IV

The Confession of Sin

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### *We Are Reconciled to One Another through God’s Love and Forgiveness*

The Peace

## WE COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY COMMUNION

### *We Offer Our Gifts to God*

#### **Hymn WLP #721 “Signs of ending all around us”**

*Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered Body.*

*The ushers collect the offering of gifts and present them at the altar as an offering to God*

*Ton-y-Botel*

### *We Join Together for the Eucharistic Prayer*

The Eucharistic Prayer B

#### **Hymn #S-130 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**

The Lord’s Prayer

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*Schubert*

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## We Share Communion

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymn #825 (WLP) "Bless the Lord my soul" (*Sung 3x*)

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Bless the Lord my soul". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system has the lyrics "Bless the Lord my soul - and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system has the lyrics "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The music is in a 4/4 time signature and features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and accidentals.

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Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)  
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Invitation to Communion

*The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine or a blessing.*

**Communion Anthem**

## We Are Sent Out Into the World

The Prayer of Mission

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The Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #73 (verses 1, 3, 5) "The King shall come when morning dawns"**

*St. Stephen*

The Dismissal

### **A Word About Communion in the Episcopal Church**

We welcome all worshippers, regardless of age or denomination, to join us for communion. If you choose not to receive, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please inform the usher and Communion will be brought to you. Note: Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available at Communion from the priest on request. Our gluten-free wafers are also free of wheat, casein, dairy, nut, egg, yeast and soy.

### **A Word About Hope for Advent I**

Eugene Peterson (*Living the Message: Daily Help for Living the God-Centered Life*) points out that what a lot of people call hope is in reality something different. It's wishing, not hoping: and wishing and hoping are not the same thing.

"Wishing," he says, "is something all of us do. It projects what we want or think we need into the future. Just because we wish for something good or holy we think it qualifies as hope. It does not. Wishing extends our egos into the future; hope grows out of our faith. Hope is oriented toward what God is doing; wishing is oriented toward what we are doing."

Peterson goes on to say that we can picture wishing as though it were a line coming out from us with an arrow on the end, pointing into the future, pointing toward that thing we most want to possess. Hope is just the opposite. It's a line that comes from God out of the future, with its arrow pointing toward us.

"Hope," he continues, "means being surprised, because we don't know what is best for us or how our lives are going to be completed. To cultivate hope is to suppress wishing -- to refuse to fantasize about what we want, but live in anticipation of what God is going to do next."

## **PARISH FAMILY REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS November 27, 2016**

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Barbara Parkyn  
in celebration of Sophia Perkins' 9<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; and Perry our Priest;

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer** we pray for our parish family, remembering especially those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Marcia Eaton (11/29), Allison Carey (11/27), Emma O'Shea (11/28);

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam Postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its committees.

### **Current Prayer List**

**Prayers added the week of November 27:** Sam Docker, Nicole, Janet Kay, Brian, Taylor Benson and Brian Benson, Kara Perriolat, The Caprara Family; Tom & Dianne Sayers; Mark, Linda Sayers Reynolds; Dawn; Christina; Sandra Hastings; The MacDonough Family; Rod & Janice Lambeth; Charles; The Conrad families, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Louis Domingue, Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Flo Columbe, Bob & Ginny Wanagel, Richard MacRobbie, Janice Griffiths, Connie Rich, Mike Duval, Tom and Dianne Sayers; Aly, Steffi; Susan; Elizabeth, Kim, Andrée, Dianna Tedesco; the Bossi and Liska families, Barbara and Family; Maidey and Ken, Everette; Jeanne, Sam; Helen and Family; Karen Emmons;

**Prayers added the week of November 20:** Stephanie; Irene; Victoria, Paulette Likoudis, Bill, Walter, Melissa, Maidey, Jane, Jim & Bernie, Anna C.; John & the Romero family; Kelly; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace; Peter, the Kell family; Janet Kay; Sam Downey;

**Prayers added the week of November 13** Frank Tomlinson; Derek, Nicky and Jackie, Tom, Sienna, Cheryl F., Matt; Jules Bessette; Ruth Wilson, Diane; Joe, Cee-Cee; Dorothy; Dick Sage, Kathy; Julia, Dave; a Dear Friend; Emil & Annie; Ms. Kamins; Barbara Potterton;

**We pray for all caregivers** who selflessly give of themselves to care for loved-ones;

**We pray for all people suffering hunger, fear & displacement** due to war and natural disaster;

**We pray for all with financial problems;** those who have lost their jobs and homes; for the well-being of our families during life's changes; all who have suffered trauma; those who are ill, lonely or grieving; our veterans; all who travel; all those suffering with cancer; anyone who is hospitalized or disabled; those affected by natural disasters; and all abused, neglected and missing children.

**We pray for law enforcement officers.**

**We pray for healing and peace.**

**We pray for our whole nation:** for peace, non-violence, and healing.

**We pray for our service men and women** throughout the world.

**We pray for all who have died.**

**We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives and the joy we experience in our relationship with God.**

### **An invitation from our Organist and Choir Master**

**Choir Time:** The Choir sings during the 10 am service. Choir rehearsal convenes on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the loft and Sundays at 9:15am. Come join the fun!" *Josh*

## Parish News

**Advent Devotional Guide Available:** Copies of the devotional “Living Well through Advent 2016” are available on the table at the back of the church. The guide includes a reflection for the Third Sunday in Advent by Bishop Ian who has made these copies available for free. There is a limited supply so pick up yours today!

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### *Saint Peter's Vision Statement (A call to Lives of Stewardship)*

***“Welcoming all. Serving our community. Connecting with others.”***

We seek to follow the example set forth by Jesus to love one another as he loved us – in our worship, in our events, and in our lives.

We welcome all people, without exception. We strive to be a parish where each individual gives freely, feels loved, welcomed and needed; and has the opportunity to follow Christ — to learn, to grow, and to form deep and lasting friendships.

To that end, we live out our commitment to helping people in need, and we provide support, programs, and facilities for all people who come among us, helping to bring the joy, peace, and love of Jesus Christ into their lives.

Gratitude and generosity lie at the heart of a life based on stewardship. This season of Advent provides us with an opportunity to be faithful to this way of life. It is very tempting to be caught up in the commercialism of the season and limit our generosity to our families or close friends. Perhaps this year we can make an effort to reach out to the stranger in our midst and share our abundance with them. Consider the following possibilities for Advent giving:

- Be involved in the St. Nicholas Fair. Give your time and energy to serve our church community and while focusing on welcoming those who come to shop
- Take advantage of one of the seasonal outreach opportunities listed in this bulletin
- As a family, have one or more simple & inexpensive meals each week and donate the money or food you “saved” to a local food bank

Consider sharing your experiences or ideas in Advent giving in The Vision.

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Hello everyone!

It's that time of year again. The Christmas pageant is only three Sundays away. It will be held on Sunday, December 18th at the 10 am service. Please contact Alison Forrest if you have children who would like to be part of the pageant. Narrators and costumed "actors" are needed.

Please let Allison know ASAP so she can assign roles.

Any parents who are interested in helping **are more than welcome**, even if it's just standing in the back of the church and "entertaining" little sheep during the performance.

Thanks so much, I look forward to hearing from you. Allison



### **St. Nicholas Fair, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**



St. Peter's Annual St. Nicholas Fair is just around the corner.

***The regifting table is back! If you have any gifts given to you that are in good/new condition that you do not want, please give them to us and we will be happy to put them at our regifting table.***

There will be many booths and items for sale: basket centerpieces with fresh greens, wreaths, baked goods and candies, needlework, jewelry, Rada Cutlery, Chris's Coaster, Village Candles, lap robes. There will be a Country Store, a Christmas Tag Sale, Gift Baskets and luncheon will be served. The Girl Scouts will be selling crafts and wrapping purchases. We will need a lot of help that day, so please save the day and join us! Talk to Marcia and Chuck if you are unsure how you can help. We are looking for Gift Baskets, baked goods, homemade candies, preserves, fudge, etc., gently used Christmas decorations/items, donations appropriate for gift-giving.

### **Christmas Tags for Holy Family**

As we move towards the season of Advent and Christmas, we once again have the opportunity to give a Christmas gift to someone who might not otherwise receive one. The Holy Family Christmas Tags, made by the children of Holy Family are on display in the Narthex. Please take a tag, buy the gift, wrap it and paste the tag on the wrapped gift so they can tell which gifts have been purchased. Please bring them in to the church or the office by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> when they will be picked up at our coffee hour. Thanks.

### **Cookies Bake for HIHS**

Once again this year we will be preparing platters of homemade cookies to donate to HIHS as a Christmas present for their clients. We will need 210 dozen this year to serve 70 families. We will be assembling the platters on Sunday, December 11th after the 10 o'clock service. Please get baking so you can donate some homemade goodies, too. Thanks. If you have any questions please speak with Judi Babin.



### **Winter Collection for two Domestic Violence Shelter**

On Sunday, December 4, from 10 AM-1 PM The RHAM High School Community Problem Solving Team will be at RHAM High School in the parking lot near the gymnasium entrance collecting: new/gently used children's winter clothing (hats, gloves, coats, boots) as well as holiday gifts for children (toys, games, books, and gift cards to toy stores). Monetary donations are also being accepted.

The drive is being held to benefit the United Services CT Domestic Violence Shelter in Willimantic and the New Horizons Domestic Violence Shelter in Middletown.

If you have any questions about our project, please do not hesitate to contact us at [rhamprojectassist@gmail.com](mailto:rhamprojectassist@gmail.com) Thank you,

### **St. Peter's Girl scouts seeking gently used children's books**

Brownie Troop 65222 is working on the World of Girls leadership journey. They have decided to collect books to impact the global issue of literacy here in Connecticut. The books will fill the Secret Garden Book Nook being designed and constructed for the Willimantic DCF by four Cadette scouts from Troop 67813 for their Silver Award project. Please donate books suitable for children through young adults in the box in the Narthex. The box will be there through December 18. Please also support the Cadette Silver project fund-raising by visiting the scout table at the St. Nicholas fair. All scout craft sales and gift wrapping "tips" will be dedicated to the troop Silver Award projects.

### **N.A.M.I.**

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness provides education, support and advocacy for persons with mental illness and their families and friends.**


Two family support groups:

- 1) Manchester on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month 7-8:30 p.m. (call Sarah at 860-875-5238)
- 2) East Hartford on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month 7-8:30 p.m. (call Sandra at 860-461-6695)

An educational course "Family to Family Education" for family, partners, friends and significant others of persons living with a mental illness (for info call Muriel at 860-268-0303)

NAMI presents a variety of programs and welcomes anyone with an interest in mental health to visit our meetings. For more information, call Karen (860-649-5659; [dn.k.fedorchak@cox.net](mailto:dn.k.fedorchak@cox.net)) or Joe (860-512-3592; [josephnavarro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:josephnavarro@sbcglobal.net))

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>November 27</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> <b>Church School</b>	<b>November 28</b>	<b>November 29</b> <b>Hall Decorating</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>November 30</b> <b>Greening Workshop 6:30</b>	<b>December 1</b> <b>Possible Greening workshop 2pm</b>	<b>December 2</b> <b>Fr. Perry Day off</b>	<b>December 3</b> <b>St. Nicholas Fair</b> 
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>St. Nicholas Fair Set up</b> <span style="font-size: 2em;">→</span> </div>				
		<b>Finance 7 pm</b> <b>Choir 6:30 pm</b>	<b>with Healing 7 pm</b>			
<b>December 4</b> <b>Advent 2</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> <b>Church School</b>	<b>December 5</b>	<b>December 6</b>	<b>December 7</b> <b>Communion with Healing 7 pm</b>	<b>December 8</b>	<b>December 9</b> <b>Fr. Perry Day off</b>	<b>December 10</b> <b>Pomproicz Birthday party</b>
<b>December 11</b> <b>Advent 3</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> <b>Church School</b>  <b>Girl Scouts (KS)</b>	<b>December 12</b> <b>Vestry 7 pm</b>	<b>December 13</b>	<b>December 14</b>  <b>Communion with Healing 7 pm</b>	<b>December 15</b> <b>Nursing Home visits: Apple Rehab &amp; Harrington</b>	<b>December 16</b> <b>Fr. Perry Day off</b>	<b>December 17</b>
<b>December 18</b> <b>Advent 4</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 am</b> <b>Pageant with Communion</b> <b>10 am</b> <b>Girl Scouts (KS)</b>	<b>December 19</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>December 21</b> <b>St. Thomas</b>  <b>Communion with Healing 7 pm</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>December 23</b> <b>Fr. Perry Day off</b>	<b>December 24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>4:30 pm Early service (with children's manger tableau)</b> <b>10 pm Late service (with choir)</b>
<b>December 25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>9 am</b>	<b>December 26</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> <b>Father Perry vacation thru 1/2/17</b>	<b>December 27</b> <b>St. John</b>	<b>December 28</b> <b>Holy Innocents</b>  <b>No services</b>	<b>December 29</b>	<b>December 30</b> <b>Fr. Perry Day off</b>	<b>December 31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b>



**The Call to Worship and the Readings for November 27, 2016:**  
**The First Sunday of Advent (Year A)**

**The Call to Worship**

*Presider* I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

*People* ***Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's path.***

*Presider* Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

*People* ***Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!***

**The Collect**

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.*

**Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**The Response: Psalm 122**

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

**The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."