

December 4, 2016



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT: PEACE

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 Stand in Wait for God: The Advent Watch

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

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

WE COME TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

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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The Sermon

The Reverend Everett C. Perine

We Proclaim Our Belief

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We Offer Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving and Confession

The Prayers of the People BCP page 329

The Confession of Sin BCP page 331

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

The Eucharistic Prayer I BCP page 333

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We Share Communion

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion BCP page 337

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 (*Advent Blessing may be found on page 3 of this bulletin*)

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

Prelude: "Declamation of Psalm 42"

Craig Phillips

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"

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

^{3.} O come, O come, thou Lord of might
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

^{4.} O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Refrain

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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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.***

Celebrant Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

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

We Glorify God

Hymn #67 "Comfort, comfort ye, my people"

Psalm 42

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise #60 (verses 1, 5) "Creator of the stars of night"

Conditor alme siderum

The Collect of the Day

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

Sequence Anthem: "A Shoot Shall Come Forth"

Horn

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

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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

Offertory Hymn #314 "Humbly I adore thee"

Adoro devote

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

We Join Together for the Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer B

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Hymn #S-130 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Schubert

The Lord's Prayer

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We Share Communion

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Taize

The image shows the musical score for Communion Hymn #825 (WLP) "Bless the Lord my soul". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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 4/4 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

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 #65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

Berenden vag for Herren

The Dismissal

Postlude: "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"

Walter

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.

Reflections on Peace for Advent II

"After his resurrection, when he returned to his disciples and friends, (Jesus) bestowed peace upon them, not anger or punishment. The first thing he said to them was not, 'Where were you when I needed you?' but 'Peace be with you.'" *Madeline L'Engle*

"Love is not a doctrine. Peace is not an international agreement. Love and Peace are beings which live as possibilities within us." *Mary Caroline Richards*

"Peace that Jesus gives is not the absence of trouble, but is rather the confidence that He is there with you always." *Source Unknown*

PARISH FAMILY REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS December 6, 2015

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Joyce Dombrowski
in loving memory of David Martin.*

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 and last: Harper Perry (12/2), Susan Ostrout (12/5), Kelly Perry (12/5), Thomas Kancler (12/3), Trisha Beatty (12/6), Wendy Paggioli (12/4), Peter Celio (12/10), Kelsi Marks (12/2),

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 December 4: Jennifer, 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;

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;

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, remembering especially David Martin.

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!

The Christmas Card Post Office is now at the back of the church. The boxes on the back shelves are for Christmas cards from one parishioner to another. You will save some stamps and make your fellow parishioners happy. Maybe you will get a few cards yourself – keep checking.



Memorial Flowers for Christmas – The list to sign up for **memorial flowers** for our Christmas decorations is now on the back table. The poinsettias are at the same price as last year: \$12. Please indicate the number of plants desired with your name (written clearly) as well as the name of the person honored or remembered or the thanksgiving. The checks should be placed in the manila envelope and NOT in the offertory plate. Please write *Christmas flowers* on the memo line of your check. If you leave cash, please attach a note clarifying all the above.

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:

- 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.

Hello everyone!

It's that time of year again. The Christmas pageant is only two 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



Christmas Tags for Holy Family

In this 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. **Many thanks to those of you who have taken a tag.** There are a few left so if you haven't yet, 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 next Sunday, December 11th 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 **next 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 **this 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 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 3rd Thursday of every month 7-8:30 p.m. (call Sarah at 860-875-5238)
- 2) East Hartford on the 1st 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) or Joe (860-512-3592; josephnavarro@sbcglobal.net)

DECEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 4 <u>Advent 2</u> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School	December 5	December 6 <u>St. Nicholas</u>	December 7 Communion with Healing 7 pm	December 8	December 9 Fr. Perry Day off	December 10 Pomprowicz Birthday party
December 11 <u>Advent 3</u> Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School Girl Scouts (KS)	December 12 Vestry 7 pm	December 13	December 14 Communion with Healing 7 pm	December 15 Nursing Home visits: Apple Rehab & Harrington	December 16 Fr. Perry Day off	December 17
December 18 <u>Advent 4</u> Holy Eucharist 8 am Pageant with Communion 10 am Girl Scouts (KS)	December 19	December 20	December 21 <u>St. Thomas</u> Communion with Healing 7 pm	December 22	December 23 Fr. Perry Day off	December 24 <u>Christmas Eve</u> 4:30 pm Early service (with children's manger tableau) 10 pm Late service (with choir)
December 25 <u>Christmas Day</u> Holy Eucharist 9 am	December 26 <u>St. Stephen</u> Father Perry vacation thru 1/2/17	December 27 <u>St. John</u>	December 28 <u>Holy Innocents</u> No services	December 29	December 30 Fr. Perry Day off	December 31 New Year's Eve
January 1 <u>The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</u> Morning Prayer with Carols 9 am	January 2	January 3	January 4 Buildings & Grounds 7 pm. Communion with Healing 7 pm	January 5	January 6 Fr. Perry Day off	January 7

The Readings for the Second Sunday in Advent, December 4, 2016

The Collect

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.

The First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."