

December 11, 2016



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: JOY

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

The opening acclamation

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Canticle 5: The Song of Simeon

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The Collect of the Day

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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.*)

"Today is the third Sunday in Advent. Last Sunday the candle of peace was lit. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring to the world everlasting peace. The third candle of Advent is the candle of joy. We light this candle to remember that Christ brings the promise of a new life and to remember that He is the bringer of true and everlasting joy. Now let us join together in saying the Psalm as the candle of joy is lit."

The Sermon

The Reverend Everett C. Perine

We Proclaim Our Belief

The Nicene Creed

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We Offer Prayers of Intercession, Thanksgiving and Confession

The Prayers of the People

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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

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

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The Lord's Prayer

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We Share Communion

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

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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

The Prayer of Mission

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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

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

^{5.} O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

^{6.} O come, thou Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadow put to flight.

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

Refrain

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 Glorify God

Hymn #68 “Rejoice, rejoice, believers”

Llangloffan

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: “Come, Emmanuel, Come”

Nancy Price/Don Besig

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 #76 “On Jordan’s bank, the Baptist’s cry”

Winchester New

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*)

Taizé

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 #724 (WLP) “People, Look East” (*Found on last page of this bulletin*)

Besançon Carol

The Dismissal

Postlude

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 Joy for III Advent

“You shall have joy, or you shall have power, said God; you shall not have both” (*Ralph Waldo Emerson, Journal, 1842*)

“Joy is not in things, it is in us.” (*Richard Wagner*)

“... celebrate life constantly. A visit, a reunion, a simple meeting are always like little celebrations... All of life is a gift, a gift to be celebrated, a gift to be shared.” (*Henry Nouwen, Gracias*)

PARISH FAMILY REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS December 11, 2015

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Sharon Wilcox
in loving memory of Bill Wilcox.*

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: Betsey Downey (12/11), Grace Downey (12/13), Evelyn Schutz (12/13), Peter Celio (12/10), Joshua Woods (12/12), Emily Messier (12/15), Hannah Mangiafico (12/13), Erin Eoods (12/15), Talon Kozlak (12/15);

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed

Current Prayer List

Prayers added the week of December 11: 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 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;

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 Marge Caton.

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, please) 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)

The Advent devotional guide “Living Well Through Advent 2016” presented the theme “Practicing Simplicity with all of your soul” as this past week’s devotion. That theme could equally well describe a life of stewardship. The writer encourages his readers to discern how we might better prepare for the birth of Jesus by choosing quiet and still over loud and busy and by focusing on what is simple, timeless and true. I urge you to pick up a copy at the back of the church and read for yourself the wisdom he imparts. Or, you can simply commit the following song to memory and sing it silently or out loud throughout Advent – letting the words seep into your being:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Or, if you prefer, follow this link to a youtube video and listen to Yo-Yo Ma and Alison Krauss singing “Simple Gifts” [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYi9Vr8bHJY>]

Give the gift of warmth this Christmas to the residents of Apple Rehab!

We want to be sure that all residents of Apple Rehab in Colchester have something under the tree this year and we're asking for your help. We've made 60 warm and cozy fleece shawls and lap blankets for gifts and sold many of them at the St. Nicholas Fair. To join us in this outreach effort, stop by Phelps Hall to:

- Choose a handmade shawl or lap blanket from a variety of colors & patterns (just \$20 each).
- Personalize your gift with a permanent message on the sewn-in label.
- We'll wrap it and hand deliver it on 12/22 at Apple's Holiday Party!

Your generous donation will help us make this an extra special holiday for these members of our neighboring community! Proceeds will also benefit St. Peter's Community Kitchen Renovation Project. For more information contact Pat Kell at 860-918-4207 or email p_kell@yahoo.com. Thank you!

In loving Memory of Marilyn J. Kell

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



St. Nicholas Fair: A huge thank you so much to all the workers who gave so much of their time, talent and hard work to making the St. Nicholas fair a great success once again! It was a wonderful finale to our fundraising cycle. The contribution made to St. Peter's bottom line by the fundraising efforts made throughout the year are certainly something to be joyful and thankful for. Hard job well done by all!

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 help us out by baking some yummy homemade goodies for this Christmas gift to our neighbors. This annual gift is always so much appreciated! Thanks. If you have any questions, please speak with Judi Babin.



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.



Our next **Blood Drive for the Red Cross** will be held on **Friday December 23rd**. It is a very important time of year to give blood if you are able. There is great need and many regular donors are away or too busy to donate so close to Christmas, but if you possibly can give, your donation will help 3 people in great need. That would be a wonderful Christmas gift!!

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/JANUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1-6	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</u> <u>of Our Lord</u> <u>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 11 a.m. Funeral + Reception
January 8 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 (Holy Baptism) 10 a.m. Church School Girl Scouts-KS	January 9 Vestry 7 pm	January 10	January 11 Communion with Healing 7 pm	January 12 No Seniors	January 13 Fr. Perry Day off	January 14
January 15 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School	January 16 Martin Luther King Day	January 17	January 18 Communion with Healing 7 pm	January 19 Nursing Home visits: Apple Rehab & Harrington	January 20 Fr. Perry Day off	January 21

The Call to Worship and the Readings for December 11, 2016:

Third Sunday in 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

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.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10

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.

The Response: Psalm 146:4-9

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!

The Epistle: James 5:7-10

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.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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.”