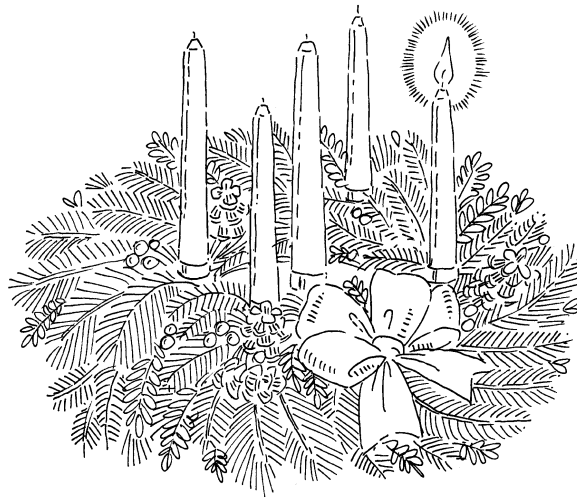


Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio

First Sunday of Advent



December 2, 2018

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ten o'clock in the morning

Adult Forum – 9:00 AM

Sunday School for Youth and Young Adults – 9:30 AM

Nursery Care, Sunday School for Pre-K through Middle School – 10 AM

Prelude “I Wonder as I Wander” by John Jacob Niles Melody Kelley

The Processional Hymn: # 74“Blessed Be the King Whose Coming”

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Collect for Purity

(in unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise: Hymn #56..“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 1 & 2

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
 and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

The Gradual Hymn: # 497 "How Bright Appears the Morning Sky" vs 1-2

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel **Luke 21:25-36**

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Hymn: # 497 “How Bright Appears the Morning Sky” vs 3

The Homily

The Rev. John S. Paddock

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made fully
human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Lector: My brothers and sisters, may God strengthen your hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray,
“O come, O come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.”

Lector: God our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church on the
paths of love and faithfulness.

Silence

Lector: O come, O come, Emmanuel;

People: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

Lector: God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness.
May all the world know your peace and safety.

Silence

Lector: O come, O come, Emmanuel;

People: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

Lector: God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
Give us the eyes to see, the wisdom to prepare, and the faith to trust in you.

Silence

Lector: O come, O come, Emmanuel;

People: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

Lector: God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region – from city, village, and town – together in a spirit of love and respect.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Lector: O come, O come, Emmanuel;

People: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

Lector: God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Judy, Carol, Bob, Toni, Lynda, Florence, Warren, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Betty Jean and Mark, Melissa, Bob, John Z, Linda, Betty, Zada, Camden, and Deb, and for all those who lost their health and freedom through addiction.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Lector: O come, O come, Emmanuel;

People: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

Lector: God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints.

Silence

Lector: O come, O come, Emmanuel;

People: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries



The Celebrant gives the offertory sentence.

The Music at the Offertory

“How Far Is It to Bethlehem?”

The Doxology

Hymn #54

“Savior of the Nations, Come! verses 1 & 4

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore, we praise you, and together with the saints in light and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory as we sing,

The Sanctus

“Glory to God” S-280

(sing in unison)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

The Sanctus

“Glory to God” S-280 (cont.)

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(in unison)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant says

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.

*Prayers for healing are offered at the back of the church during Holy Communion
or at the front of the church after the service*

The Communion Hymns: # 66..... “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
53..... “Once He Came in Blessing”
454..... “Jesus Came, Adored by Angels”

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray:

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: #73..... “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

Announcements

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude Special Music

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Sunday December 2** – First Sunday of Advent.
- ☆ **Friday December 7** - Wittenberg's annual Lessons and Carols at 7:00 in beautiful Weaver Chapel.
- ☆ **Sunday December 9** – Second Sunday of Advent. St. Nicholas visit
- ☆ **Sunday December 16** – Third Sunday of Advent decorations in the Parish Hall
- ☆ **Sunday December 16** – 5:00 pm, St. Christopher's Family Christmas Party. (caroling at 4:00 pm)
- ☆ **Sunday December 23** – Fourth Sunday of Advent. Luncheon in the Parish Hall, Greening of the church.
- ☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – Tuesdays at noon Healing Service with Holy Communion.
- ☆ **Thursdays – 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice**
- ☆ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher's Corner there are sign-up sheets for altar flowers, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW/M activities, Prayer Chain, etc. ****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers and/or to host Coffee Hour. Many dates are available!**
- ☆ **OUTREACH** – Remember **Box Tops for Education**. Please continue with donations for **FISH**; they need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank – for 2 cents a meal.
- ☆ **Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email Joyce D'Allessandris to activate the Prayer Tree. email: rjdallessandris@gmail.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The December Lantern** will be available at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.



Sign up for Christmas Poinsettias:

There is a sign-up sheet for Christmas Poinsettias in St. Christopher's Corner. Donations for the flowers will be \$12 each. Please sign up "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for". If you desire to take the plant home, indicate that on the sign-up sheet. Poinsettias will then be distributed after Epiphany. Please order and pay for the plants by Sunday December 16.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

**“Living the Great Commandment by Ministering
to Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

Those Who Serve	
Celebrant	The Rev. John S. Paddock
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Acolyte	Ed Smith
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Nursery	Kopp
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