

Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church  
Fairborn, Ohio



The Second Sunday of Advent  
St. Nicholas Day

December 9, 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** “O Come, Little Children” by Christoph von Schmid Melody Kelley

**The Processional Hymn: # 65** ..... “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

*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 3 & 4**

**Collect of the Day**

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

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.....Baruch 5:1-9**

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

**Canticle 4 -- The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
    for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
    in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
    which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
    and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, \*  
    that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
    might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
    all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
    for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
    for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
    whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



*Lector:* Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace.

*Silence*

*Lector:* Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People:* **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

*Lector:* Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives.

*Silence*

*Lector:* Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People:* **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

*Lector:* Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care.

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

*Lector:* Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People:* **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

*Lector:* Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness. 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:* Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People:* **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

*Lector:* Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ. Especially we remember this day: children and loved ones, those who have lost their lives to violence, and those who have laid down their lives in the service of their country.

Sgt. Leandro Jasso // 25, on 11/24/18, of WA

*Silence*

*Lector:* Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People:* **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

## **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 Manger Procession of Children with  
Crèche figurines and with ornaments for the Jesse tree.*



*The Celebrant gives the offertory sentence.*

**The Music at the Offertory**      “Only a Baby Came” Natalie Sleeth

### **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**

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S-125

*(sing in unison)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:** # 76..... “On Jordon’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”  
# 67..... “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”  
# 657..... “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*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: #59..... “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”**

**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**.....Song to Jolly Old St. Nicholas.....  
(Please join together in singing – the special words are included.)

## The Song of Saint Nicholas

### A new twist to an old favorite

Once upon a long ago  
Very far away,  
In the town of Bethlehem  
Lying in some hay,  
Jesus came for you and me  
Bringing heaven's love  
As a gift for us to have  
From the Lord above.

In the town of Myra once  
Also long ago,  
Lived good Bishop Nicholas  
Hair as white as snow.  
Nicholas loved Jesus who  
Loved and helped us all.  
"I will do the same," said he  
"Helping great and small."

Thankful Bishop Nicholas  
Friendly, good and wise;  
When he could, helped the poor  
Always by surprise.  
Rich men came to Nicholas  
Bringing wealth to share  
So it could be sent to those  
Living in despair.

We should be like Nicholas  
Thankful, good and kind,  
Loving those who need our help  
All the ones we find.  
Jesus and Saint Nicholas  
Taught us how to give:  
Share but never seek rewards,  
That is how to live!

Text: Mike Sherer, St. Nicholas Eve, December 5, 1972  
Tune: Traditional Jolly Old St. Nicholas



Dutch 45 record sleeve, 1991 Indisc  
Hank Temming, *Ik Vraag aan Sinterklaas een Heel Gelukkig  
Kerstfeest*  
*St Nicholas Collection*

## *Jolly Old Saint Nicholas*

Piano

Jol - ly old Saint Nich - o - las, lean your ear this way;  
When the clock is strik - ing twelve and I'm fast a - sleep,

5

Don't you tell a sin - gle soul what I'm going to say!  
Down the chim - ney small and black with your pack you'll creep,

9

Christ-mas eve is com - ing soon, Now, you dear old man,  
All the stock - ings you will find hang - ing in a row;

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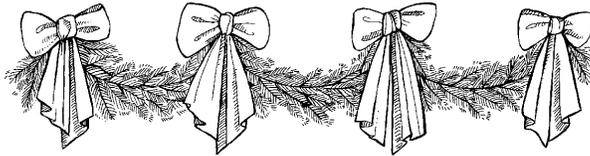
Whis - per what you'll bring to me, tell me if you can.  
Mine will be the short - est one, you'll be sure to know.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **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 ECW Family Christmas Party.**  
(At 4:00, Lauren Faller will lead us in some caroling in the neighborhood.)
- ☆ **Sunday December 23** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for **FISH** donations.
- ☆ **Sunday December 23** – Fourth Sunday of Advent. following the service,  
Luncheon in Parish hall, with **Greening of the Church**, afterwards



- ☆ **Sunday December 24 – Christmas Eve Service:**  
Music at 4:00 p.m., Service at 4:30 p.m.
- ☆ **Monday December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY** Holiday – Church  
office closed.
- ☆ **Wednesday December 26** – Deadline for **January 2018 Lantern**  
articles and info.
- ☆ **Monday December 31 – 9 p.m. ECW New Year's Eve Party!**
- ☆ **Monday January 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY** Holiday.  
Church office closed.
- ☆ **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](mailto:rjdallessandris@gmail.com), phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The December Lantern** will be available at [stchristophersfairborn.org](http://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.



**Sunday Attendance**

It is important that we are aware of how many people are in attendance on Sunday. So each month we show the attendance numbers. Remember, statistics indicate that to have a thriving and prosperous congregation, we need to shoot for 100 as the average Sunday attendance.

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>243</u></b>	<b><u>317</u></b>	<b><u>259</u></b>	<b><u>211</u></b>





**ECW Family Christmas Party**  
**Special Guest: Santa Claus**  
**5:00 Sunday, December 16**

- ◆ Christmas caroling led by Lauren Faller, starting at 4 PM
- ◆ Bring items for Fairborn Fish Food Pantry
- ◆ Taco Bar – bring meat, tortillas, or toppings.  
There will be sign-up sheet.
- ◆ We want to have a Secret Santa Shoppe where our children make a craft that will be a wrapped gift to give to a family member. We would appreciate some help with this!!!
- ◆ Any questions, contact Carole Smith or Amy Kopp.



~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

<b>Those Who Serve</b>	
Celebrant	The Rev. John S. Paddock
Worship Leader	Cindy Feltz
Chalice Bearers	David Christmas
Acolyte	Kathy Smith
First Reader	Toni Olgeaty
Second Reader	David Manship
Ushers	Ann Foster, Gordon Hermann
Healing Prayers	tbd
Greeters	Andrea and Alan Haberecht
Nursery	Jones
Altar Guild	Lauren Faller, Andrea Haberecht
Tellers	Millie Roach, Ed Smith
Fellowship	Mary Donnellan & Toni Olgeaty
Director of Music Ministries	Melody Kelley
Organist Emeritus	Connie Klarer
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