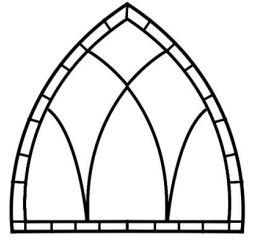


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Shelby, NC



Sunday, December 15th, 2024: Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

We use two books during services. The Book of Common Prayer (red) and the Hymnal (blue). The Hymnal is in two parts. The first hymns (service music) begin with the letter S followed by numbers. Standard hymns are second and listed only by numbers.

Opening Voluntary
Processional Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

The Word of God

Opening Prayers
Gloria in Excelsis

BCP p. 355

Hymnal S278

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.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.



Italics: repeat second half of melody

Surely, it is God who 'saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be a'fraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de'fense, *
and he will be my 'Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with re'joicing *
from the springs of sal'vation.

And on that day you shall 'say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his 'Name;
Make his deeds known among the 'peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is ex'alted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great 'things, *
and this is known in all the 'world.

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your 'joy, **

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 'Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sequence Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

See Insert

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

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(Continued: The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6)

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Advent

See Insert

The Confession

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Presentation Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 380 vs 3

The Holy Communion

All are invited to God's Table. If you wish to receive communion please come forward to the altar rail on either side. You may consume the wafer and sip from the larger chalice, or you may intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine from the smaller chalice before you consume it. It is perfectly OK to consume only bread if that is your preference. If you do not wish to consume the bread and wine, but would like to receive a blessing please come to the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest. Please use the hand sanitizer that is available up front or in your pew prior to coming to the altar rail. This will reduce the transmission of illness, and protect those in our parish who are vulnerable. Thank you!

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S124

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Meditation

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

Closing Voluntary

Servers: Dec 15

Ushers

Lane Logan leader
Cheryl Richard
McArthur Family

Crucifer

Lucinda MacArthur

Children's Crucifer

Zelda Willis

1st Reading

Jay Whisnant

2nd Reading

Mary Howe

1st Chalice

Lucinda MacArthur

2nd Chalice

Jay Whisnant

Altar Guild

Martha Moore

This Week's Events

Sunday

7:00 am-9:00 am Coffee & Conversation with Anita
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Advent 3
Coffee Hour following Eucharist (Narthex)
11:00 am Adult Formation (Parish Hall)
12:00 pm Sacred Craft lunch (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Celtic Eucharist

Monday

5:30 pm Contemplative Prayer Service (Chapel)
6:00 pm Vestry (Admin Meeting Room)

Tuesday

9:00 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
10:30 am Food Pantry box assembly
7:00 pm Advent virtual book club (Zoom)

Wednesday

11:30 am Shepherd's Table food distribution
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist w/ Deacon Pam (Chapel)
4:00 pm Food Pantry box distribution

Thursday

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel)
Compline on Zoom will resume in January



Compline

THURSDAY 8PM ON ZOOM

scan for meeting or ask
Donna Logan for details

The Altar Guild will again have Poinsettias available for the altar on Christmas Eve. The cost will be \$10.00. There is a link in the email newsletter for the forms and there will also be forms in the Narthex.



Donate



Prayer List

The Rev. Anita Ware, Priest
The Rev. Dcn Pam Bright
The Rev. Dcn Michele Wiltfong
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Advent Christian Formation

Advent Study: Church in Waiting See Ginger for a book

1st session: Sunday, Dec. 1 Be Enriched and Strengthened

2nd session: Sunday, Dec. 8 Wait Patiently

3rd session: Sunday, Dec. 15 Repent and Prepare the Way of the Lord

4th session: Sunday, Dec. 22 Glorify God Through Jesus Christ



Sacred Craft will meet for a light lunch, fellowship, and crafting immediately following Formation in the Parish Hall.

We continue to serve more folks each Wednesday at lunch and with the food box distribution! There is always a need for volunteers on Tuesday as well as Wednesday, especially driving the truck to pick up from Second Harvest and Waco. Please contact Deacon Pam if you would be interested in helping with this ministry. Any amount of time you can give is most appreciated.