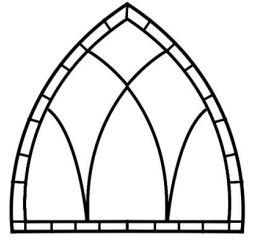


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Shelby, NC



Sunday, December 8th, 2024: Second 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

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

The Word of God

Opening Prayers
Gloria in Excelsis

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Hymnal S278

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.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.



Italics: repeat second half of melody

Blessed be the Lord, the God of 'Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them 'free.

He has raised up for us a mighty 'savior, *
born of the house of his servant 'David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our 'enemies, *
from the hands of all who 'hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our 'fathers *
and to remember his holy 'covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father
'Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our 'enemies,

Free to worship him without 'fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our 'life.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the gl

Sequence Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymnal 436

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **(Contined on next page)**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the
Most 'High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his
'way,

To give his people knowledge of sal'vation *
by the forgiveness of their 'sins.

In the tender compassion of our 'God *
the dawn from on high shall break up'on us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and
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.

A'men.

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

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Advent

See Insert

The Confession

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

See Insert

Presentation Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 380 vs 3

The Holy Communion

Please come forward to the Altar Rail. You may choose to come to the Pulpit side of the rail and sip from the chalice, or to the lectern side and your bread will be dipped for you. If you need gluten free, please tell us when you come up. Our wine contains alcohol; if you do not want any, please just cross your arms across your chest before the chalice gets to you.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S124

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Meditation

Post Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Hymnal 61

Closing Voluntary

Servers: Dec 8

Ushers

Angie France leader
David Chadwick
Reynolds Chadwick
Judy Hopkins

Crucifer

Cheryl Richard

Children's Crucifer

Zelda Willis

1st Reading

John Rankin

2nd Reading

Karen Lattimore

1st Chalice

Cheryl Richard

2nd Chalice

John Rankin

Altar Guild

Karen Lattimore w/
Brenda Warlick

This Week's Events

Sunday

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Advent 2
Coffee Hour following Eucharist (Narthex)
11:00 am Adult Formation (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Celtic Eucharist

Monday

5:30 pm Contemplative Prayer Service (Chapel)

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

11:30 am Redeemer Classics (Admin Parish Hall)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel)
Compline on Zoom will resume in January

Sunday Dec 15

12:00 pm Sacred Craft lunch (Parish Hall)



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.



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Prayer List

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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



The December Redeemer Classics gathering will be Thursday, December 12 in the Admin Parish Hall. Contact Donna if you are not on her Redeemer Classics email list at awcbabes@gmail.com

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.