



*Welcome*

To

*St. James Episcopal Church*

***In Person Services are:***

*Rite I at 8:00am Sunday*

*Rite II at 10:00am Sunday*

*Wednesday Evening Eucharist*

*with Prayers for the Healing at 5:30pm*

***Online Service:***

*Sunday Morning Prayers at 11:00 am Via Zoom*

*We are glad you are here to worship with us, and we want you to feel at home.*



*We welcome all baptized individuals to join us for communion.*

*If you wish to receive communion  
please enter the communion line, then kneel or stand at  
the altar to receive the*

*Eucharist or to ask for a blessing.*

*The wafer (the Body of Christ)  
will be*

*placed in your cupped hands.*

*To receive the wine (the Blood of Christ)  
you may dip your wafer into it.*

*To receive a blessing  
cross your arms across your chest.*

*Please notify an usher  
if you wish to receive communion at your seat.*

*If you do not have a church home and/or would like to learn more  
about St. James and the Episcopal Church, you are warmly invited to  
contact our Rector,*

*The Rev. Robert E. Willmann at (740) 605-0784 The  
church office may be reached at (740) 453-9459*

*P.O. Box 1445*

*Zanesville, Ohio 43702*

# The Second Sunday of Advent

## December 5, 2021

### RITE I

***(Please Stand)***

*Leader:* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*People:* *Amen*

*Celebrant:* He will go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared. *(Luke 1:17)*

***The first two Advent candles are lit.***

*People:* This candle represents peace. John the Baptist came to announce that Jesus was coming into the world. All true peace comes from Jesus.

*Celebrant:* May the Prince of Peace be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

***Opening Acclamation***

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

***The Collect for Purity***

*Celebrant:*

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

***The Summary of the Law***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### ***The Gloria***

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee,  
we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### ***Kneel or Stand***

#### ***The Collect of the Day***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **The Lessons**

### **A Reading from the Book of Baruch**

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*(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.

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

*(Please stand)*

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## Canticle 4

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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 sware 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.*

*(Please be seated)*

## **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

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*(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 glory and praise of God.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

*(Please Stand)*

## **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke**

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*(Luke 3:1-6)*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord*

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. 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 Gospel of the Lord.**  
*Praise to thee, O Christ*

***Sermon:*** The Reverend Robert Willmann

***(Please Stand)***

***The Nicene Creed***

*Leader and people together*

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 man.  
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.

*(Please kneel or stand)*

### ***The Prayers of the People***

*Leader:*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy hold Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O Heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Provisional Bishop, Robert our Rector, Kathryn, and Rob our Priests Associate, Robert, and Susan our Deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St James and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and advocate. *Amen*

### ***Confession of Sin***

*Leader and People together*

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker  
of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***The Absolution***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

***The Peace***

The Celebrant says to the People:  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People: And with thy spirit.*

***The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.***

***The Offertory***

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People: And of thine own have we given thee.*

***(Please stand)***

***Eucharistic Prayer I***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
*People: And with thy spirit*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts *People:*  
*We lift them up unto the Lord*  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People: It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

Celebrant and people:  
*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High*

***(Please kneel or stand) The***

***Celebrant continues***

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation, of himself once offered full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and Heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee the most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouch safe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not

weighting our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be  
unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***The Lord's Prayer***

*Celebrant and people together*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen

***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

***Anthem: Agnus Dei***

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Grant us thy peace.*

***Prayer of Humble Access***

*Celebrant and people together*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

*The Celebrant says the following invitation*

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.

### ***Communion of the People***

*In the Episcopal Tradition, we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We welcome all baptized individuals to join us for communion.*

***(Please kneel or stand) Post***

#### ***communion Prayer***

*Celebrant and people together*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O Heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*

#### ***The Blessing***

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen*

**Dismissal:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**

### **Celebrant**

The Rev. Robert Willmann

### **Preacher**

The Rev. Susan Riis

### **Chalicer/Lector**

Evan Abood

### **Vestry**

The Reverend Robert E. Willmann S.T.B, J.C.L., J.C.D,  
Rector of St. James Church  
Eric Blake, Sr. Warden Barbara  
Saunders, Jr. Warden Eleanor  
Bailey, Treasurer Beth Burton,  
Chris Collins,  
Jen Henderson, Vickie MacLaine,  
Linda O'Neill, Martha Staley,  
Carol Thompson, Tom Tompkins, Chad Williams

## Announcements

### ***SHOEBOXES ~***

"The shoeboxes for the children at Eastside Community Ministry will again be available for you to get this Sunday. The boxes and lists for suggested item will be in the Undercroft. I also have boxes that you can pick u at my house—1226 East Drive. We would like to have them returned to the Church or to my house by Sunday, December 12th. We are also accepted monetary donations. The Director of E C M is so thankful that we are willing to help with Christmas Giving in this way. And all of us at St. James are blessed to have such a generous and thoughtful congregation.

Thank you, Janet for Daughters of the King "

### ***CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ~***

The Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00 and 11:00 pm. Evan Abood, Annette Porter and Vickie MacLaine will be servicing at the 4:00 service. The office will be verifying with Santa for his visit after the 4:00 service.

Our 11:00 pm service will have to assisted as needed Eric Blake along with Tom and Dianne Ischy.

Thank you to all who volunteered!

December 26 will only have one service – our 10:00. Susan Riis will also be holding the Zoom 11:00 morning prayers

### ***GREENING OF THE CHURCH ~***

After the 11:00 service on December the 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be greening the church. You are welcome to stay and help!



# POINSETTIAS

We will be ordering Poinsettia plants to decorate the church for Christmas again this year. Our poinsettia plants are ordered from Timber Run Gardens to assist with the Genesis Volunteers' fundraiser. The flowers have always been beautiful. Cost is \$20.00 per plant. Plants may be taken home after 10:00 service on January 2nd.

Please fill out exactly as you wish it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin – if necessary, please continue on the back.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory

of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Thanksgiving

for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please write **“Poinsettias”** in the memo portion of your check.

**THE FINAL DATE FOR ORDERING IS  
SUNDAY, December 5, 2021.**

**PRAYER LIST**

Our Military

Christopher Benson  
Ben Spiker

Zachary Spiker  
Jacob Spiker

We pray also for:

Jane and Sharon Donoho  
Deborah Robinson Sekou  
Ray Gillespie  
John Graham  
Fr. Rob Willmann  
Shirley Stephens  
Greg Meadows  
Barbara Schriefer  
Dave Michael  
Jim Horton  
Greta Hauser  
George Preston  
Andrea Salahub  
Rudy Arnold  
Theresa Bray  
Stephanie Schwieterman  
Ruth Anderson  
Cathy Rice  
Beth Fineran  
Becky Yinger  
Teri Chacon  
Larry and Charline Jeffers  
Mark Steen  
Richard Sands  
Steve Averill  
Azalea Miranda  
Karen Siegfriedt  
Noah Spiker  
David Desquin  
John Benson  
Jim Hoskinson  
Anthony Gillespie

Cindy Yost  
Judy Sowell  
Joann Huntwork  
Melissa Gabriel  
Gary Michael  
Katie Shannon  
Jim Cope  
Dr. Kathleen Riley  
Sarah Merikkam  
Phylis Hammer  
Eileen Adams  
Susan Nichols  
Cindy Downs Greaves  
Bob Oppenheimer  
Lisa Ferguson  
Cris Morrison  
Sharon Bauer  
Dan and Brenda Ransom  
Brooke Anderson  
Kane Warden  
Chad Raymond  
Sam Plummer  
Dennis Grimes  
Donna Rush  
Linda O'Neill  
EJ Spiker  
Stephanie Sherman  
Susan Spiker  
Janet Slack  
Marcus Gaiters