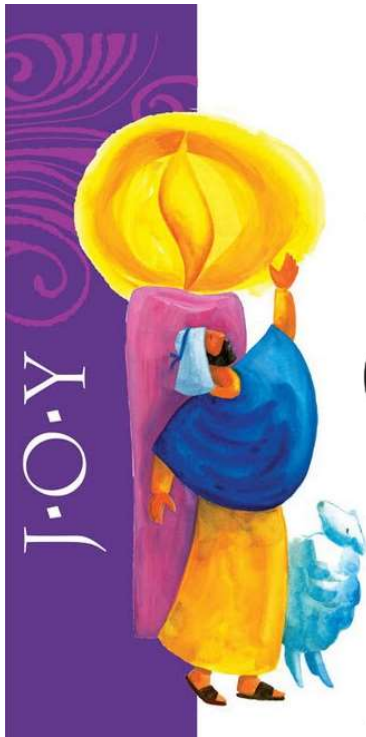




The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



ADVENT LESSONS CAROLS

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, a.d. 2024 at 10:15 a.m.

Serving Christ by Ministering to the Needs of the Community and the Parish



Streaming Starts at 10:05 a.m. • Liturgy Starts at 10:15 a.m.
To join the service, go to facebook.com/gracechurchhutch/live.

Welcome

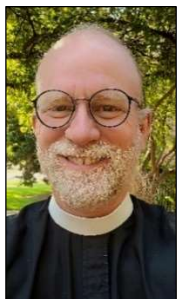
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

Welcome Card. If you are new to Grace, we would love to have a record of your visit. There is a Welcome Card in the pew rack. Please fill out as much (or as little) information as you would like to share with us and place it in the offering plate when it comes by.

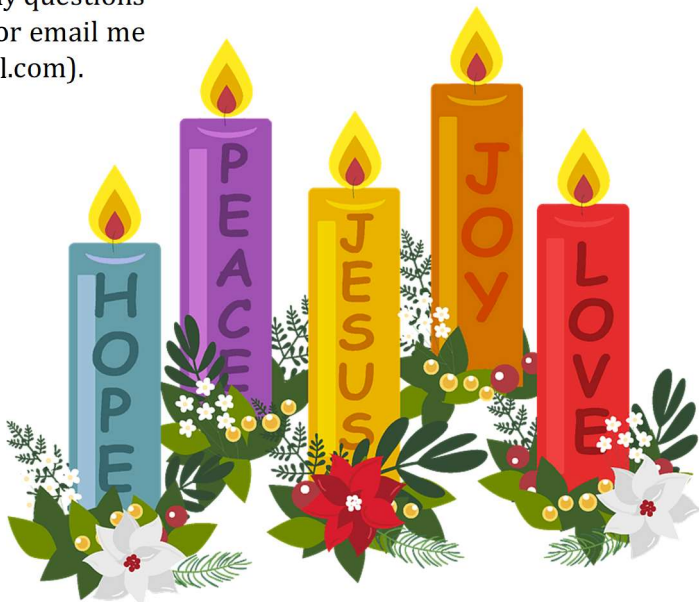
A Word about Communion. At the heart of our worship is Holy Communion, which we also call Holy Eucharist. We celebrate it every Sunday with bread and real wine. Please know that we practice an open table; *all Christians* (no matter what tradition you come from) are invited and encouraged to come forward and receive communion. On page 11, there are more details about how we practice communion at Grace.

Again, welcome! If you ever have any questions or thoughts, feel free to call, text, or email me (620-314-7520; frted.grace@gmail.com).

Blessings,
Father Ted Blakley



Priest and Rector



The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

“Celtic Magnificat” • Played by Vonda McKenna
Traditional Irish Melody arr. Larry Shackley
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WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL *stand*

“Once in Royal David’s City” • Hymnal 102 (v 1-6)
Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, Music: Henry John Gauntlett

Wesley Spears will sing the first verse as a solo, then the congregation will join in the rest.

Once in royal David’s city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

**He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**We, like Mary, rest confounded
that a stable should display
heaven’s Word, the world’s creator, cradled
there on Christmas Day,
yet this child, our Lord and brother,
brought us love for one another.**

**For he is our lifelong pattern;
daily, when on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,
tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him;
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
where his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
set at God’s right hand on high.**

BIDDING PRAYER *kneel as able*

The Celebrant begins...

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us listen attentively to the words which Christ himself taught us to pray:

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Sung by Nancy French

Our Father, which art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory forever.
Amen.

The Celebrant concludes...

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

INVITATORY *sit*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 79 (v 1-3) • Congregation
Words: Philips Brooks, Music: Lewis Redner

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

THE FIRST LESSON & CAROL

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 • Dn. Todd Ray

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”

Grace Choir

THE SECOND LESSON & CAROL

Genesis 3:1-11 • Toni Cottrell

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Hymnal 93 (v 1-4) • Congregation
Words: James Montgomery, Music: Henry Thomas Smart

**Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation’s story,
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:**

*Come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

**Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:**

Refrain

**Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:**

Refrain

**Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:**

Refrain

THE THIRD LESSON & CAROL

Isaiah 40:1-11 • Brooklyn Walker

“Lo How a Rose ‘Er Blooming”

Hymnal 81 (v 1-3) • Congregation

Words: Theordore Baker, Music: Michale Praetorius

**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.**

**O Flower, whose fragrances tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;
true man yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.**

THE FOURTH LESSON & CAROL

Jeremiah 31:31-34 • Julie Steen

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Solo by Lucy Steen

THE FIFTH LESSON & CAROL

“Ava Maria”

Isaiah 35:1-10 • Sherry Cooper

saxophone solo by Ava Waln

THE SIXTH LESSON & CAROL

Isaiah 7:10-15 • Heather Harper

“Away in a Manger”

Hymnal 101 (v 1-3) • Congregation

Words: Traditional Carol Music: William James Kirkpatrick

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

SEVENTH LESSON & CAROL

Isaiah 11:1-9 • Ryleigh Spears

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymnal 96 (v 1-4) • Congregation

Words: James Chadwick, Music: Edward Shippen Barnes

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid,
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE EIGHTH LESSON & CAROL

Isaiah 65:17-25 • Kathy Moll

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Hymnal 66 (v 1-4) • Congregation

Words: Charles Wesley, Music: William Henry Havergal

Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

THE NINTH LESSON & CAROL

Luke 1:26-56 • Fr. Bill Waln

“Hark the Harold Angels Sing”

piano solo by Silas Walker

THE PEACE *stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Table

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude for who God is and what God does, we give back to God a portion of what God has given to us so that God 's mission through this place and this people might flourish. What you give today represents your life and your labors, your loves and loyalties, your joys and thanksgivings, and God receives it with gladness.



DIGITAL OFFERING PLATE: THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE

- ✓ Go to www.tinyurl.com/Giving2Grace
- ✓ Scan the **QR Code** on the right.
- ✓ Text **GIVE** to **620-542-8024**.

OFFERTORY *sit*

“Before the Marvel of This Night” by Carl Schalk • Grace Choir
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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *stand* Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Sursum Corda (*“Lift up your hearts...”*) *stand*

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hymnal S-125

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the

fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *kneel*

BCP 364

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

**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 *kneel*

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept, in reverent thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Jesus, Lamb of God” • Hymnal S-164

Richard Proulx ©1937

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.**



THE INVITATION

This is the Banquet of the Lamb.
It is made ready for those who love God,
And for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is Christ 's will that those who want him should meet him here.

ONLINE: THE PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI (1696–1787)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Communion.

My Jesus,

**I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

As though you have already come,

**I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**



IN-PERSON: HOLY COMMUNION IN ONE OR BOTH KINDS

*At this time, an usher will come forward and invite each row to go forward for communion. **Bread.** When it is your turn to receive communion simply extend your cupped hands forward, and a priest will place the wafer of bread in your hands. **Gluten Free.** If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands palms down. **Real Wine.** If you wish to receive the wine, you may drink from the chalice or you may dip the wafer into the chalice. **Two Stations.** You may choose to receive communion at the altar rail or at the station on the right side in front of the pulpit.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *sit*

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” • Hymnal 318 (vv 1-4)

Words: Horatius Bonar Music: Warren Swenson

**Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.**

**Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

**I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.**

**Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God!**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BLESSING

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

DISMISSAL AND SENDING FORTH

Deacon: Our worship has ended.

People: Our mission begins. Thanks be to God.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Memory or Thanksgiving of Someone

If you would like to order a Christmas poinsettia in memory or thanksgiving of someone or something, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office. They are \$25 each.



HELP GET THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 19, 9:30am

There is nothing quite like our Christmas Eve service at Grace—the liturgy, the music, the lights, the colors. So the Altar Guild invites the people of Grace to gather on the morning of December 19th to get the church ready for Christmas, so that we can show the world the beauty of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ.



*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name;
Bring offerings and coming into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. —Psalm 96:8-9a*

HYDE PARK LUMINARIES & SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, December 21, 6:00 to 8:00pm



We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and set out sacks for the Hyde Park Luminaries. We are looking for helpers at 4:30 pm to set up and 9:00 pm to put away. • We are also looking for people to provide a pot of soup or bread item for our soup supper put on by our youth. During the luminaries the church will be open as a warm spot for those who will be out to see all the beautiful lights. The youth need our help to ensure we can feed all our guests.



Sign-up sheets for both of these items are in the Narthex.



END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Your giving is what makes the mission and ministry of Grace possible. Please consider a year-end gift.

If you want your gift included in this year's giving statement, please have it to the office by December 31st.



COMMUNITY BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Being held at Emanuel Lutheran Church

This year, Grace Episcopal is joining with Emanuel Lutheran and First Presbyterian to hold a Community Blue Christmas. This year the service will be held at Emanuel Lutheran on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 pm.





ADVENT
THE LIGHT THAT GUIDES US
a five-session film series with
PETER TRABEN HAAS

A Short Film Series

STARTING DECEMBER 1 • 9:15 am

A five-film series with Peter Treben Haas on the Advent journey from the quiet mystery of waiting into the hope and renewal that the light of Christ brings.

This journey is not just about preparing for Christmas, but about embracing the ongoing work of Christ's light in our lives. It is about learning to wait, watch, and wonder with hope, and to allow the light of Christ to lead us through the darkness toward a life more fully lived in divine love.

DEC 15 — LIVED BY THE LIGHT

Exploring the Transformative Power of Christ's Light

DEC 22 — THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

Embracing the Transformative Power of Love

DEC 29 — THE GREAT EXCHANGE

Reflecting on the Mystery of Divine and Human Union

JAN 5 — THE HOPE OF SOMETHING

New Embracing Advent's Promise of Hope and Renewal

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm

Stations of Advent

A Family Friendly Service

7:00 pm

Choral Eucharist

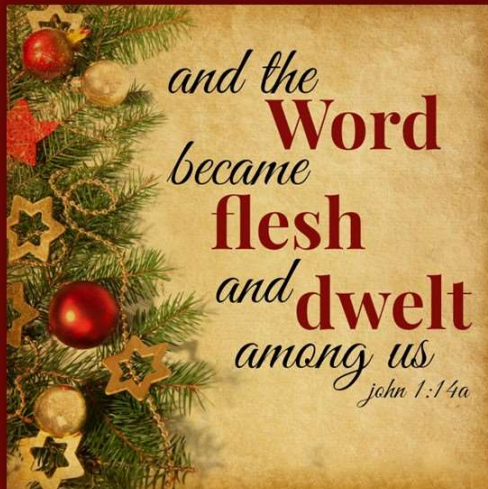
- 6:40 Christmas Music
- 6:30 Streaming Starts

THE PEOPLE
WALKING IN
DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A
GREAT LIGHT

- Isaiah 9:2 -



CHRISTMAS DAY



and the
Word
became
flesh
and
dwelt
among us
John 1:14a

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist II

Joy to the World!

Upcoming EVENTS

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm



ONLINE PRAYER

6:00 am • Every Morning Morning Prayer (FB LIVE)
9:00 pm • Every Night Compline Online at Nine (FB LIVE)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken
9:15 am Advent Film Series: The Light That Guides
10:15 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 pm Vestry Zoom
7:00 pm Al-Anon
7:15 pm Christian Formation Discipleship Team

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
10:00 am Adult Bible Study
5:30 pm The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
6:30 pm Elementary and MS/HS Youth Groups

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:30 am Altar Guild: Getting the Church Ready for Christmas
7:00 pm Blue Christmas at Emanuel Lutheran

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:00 to 9:00 pm Hyde Park Luminaries & Soup Supper



SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • ADVENT 4

- Micah 5:2-5a
- Canticle 15
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-55





CLERGY, STAFF, AND COORDINATORS

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