

The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II ~ December 5, 2021

*John the Baptist proclaims the coming of Jesus and calls
people into repentance through baptism.*

Prelude *“Lo! He comes with clouds descending”*
arr. Gerald Bales

Processional Hymn **59** *“Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”*

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Communion Hymns **61** *“Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us”*
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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn **65** *“Prepare the way, O Zion”*

The Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude *“Comfort Ye My People”* arr. Alfred Fedak

The Collect of the Day

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 Lesson

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 Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus

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.
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 salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Epistle

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 Gospel

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. 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 Wednesday mid-week Eucharist, in the chapel, is now at 9:30 a.m. This Wednesday we will commemorate Nicholas *Bishop of Myra, c. 342*

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Jean Holt 12/6, Ellie Wilton 12/6, Jim Hill 12/7, Marilyn South 12/10, Jackie Gahan 12/10, and Susan Hilliard 12/11.

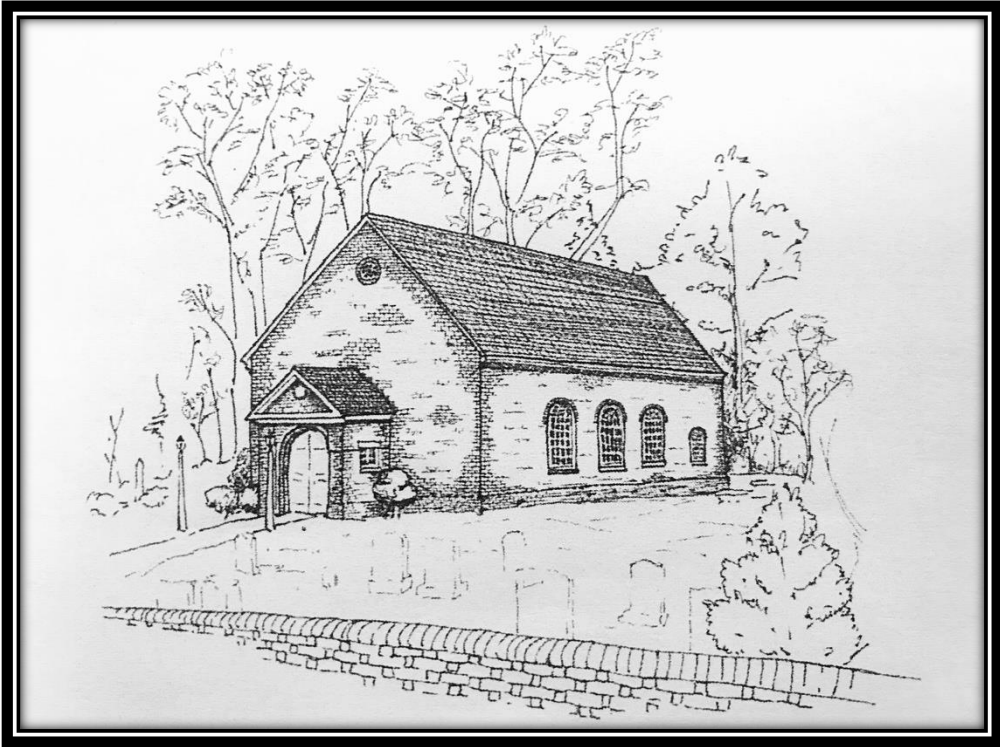
We pray for the search committee of our diocese as they discern the candidates for the election of our 14th Diocesan Bishop and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and members of Immanuel, Old Church – Mechanicsville, Santa Maria – Falls Church, and St. John’s - Arlington.

Please join us for the Celtic Christmas Concert here at Christ Church tonight at 5:30 p.m. which is being sponsored by both Christ Church Parish and Saluda Baptist. The concert is free but we will receive donations which will be used for outreach in the community.

Advent suppers and program

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for a light supper followed from 6:00 to 7:00 for our Advent study. Please sign-up for the meal so that the cooks will know how many to prepare for. These will be December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd.

*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)
December 5, 2021
10:30 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Advent*



Founded in 1666

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.
During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement
*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*