

### **Sunday Services**

11 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with Children's Sunday School

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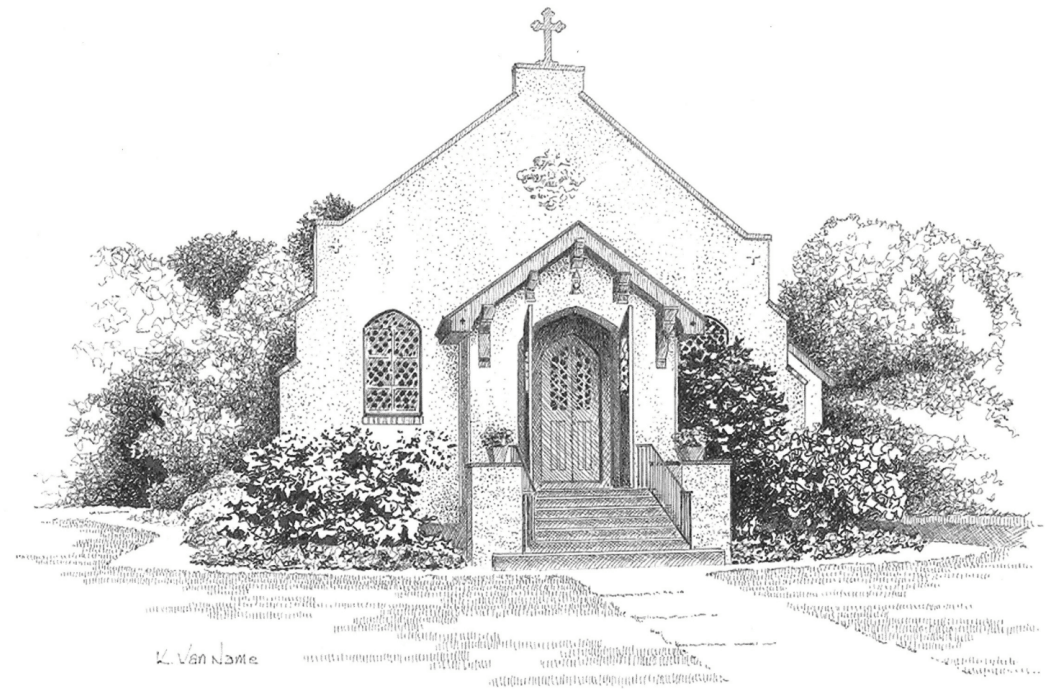
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# **St. John's Episcopal Church**

*Jesus said:*

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.”*



**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025 • 11 AM  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn 66

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

### Opening Acclamation (BCP 355)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity (BCP 355)

#### Kyrie S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

## — Announcements —

### A Christmas “All Call” for Shells!!

During the 10:00 hour on the fourth Sunday of Advent (December 21), we will have an all-ages, craft-making “Advent Workshop”! During this time, kids, parents, adults, grandparents are invited to participate as we make Christmas ornaments to be given away after the Christmas Eve service! Our craft this year will be painted shell ornaments. To make sure that we have enough shells for everyone, we are calling for you to bring in and donate any clam shells that you might have collected this year. Any size is perfect! Please plan to come to this fun holiday event; we will have Christmas music, hot chocolate and lots of treats for all!

### Christmas Coffee Hour at the Rectory on Sunday December 21st

Please join us for a Christmas coffee hour at the rectory next door after our 11:00 service on Sunday, December 21. We are sure to have a wonderful time of holiday fun and fellowship in this beautiful church property! Please contact Ursula or Rose Dios if you would like to bring a holiday treat to share!

### Please Join Us for Adult Sunday School and Sunday Worship Services this Advent!

It's not too late to join us for our adult Sunday school class at 10 AM. Coffee and refreshments are served both during Sunday School and also after church for fellowship. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, we'll host a multigenerational "Advent workshop" for children and adults to prepare together the Christmas ornaments that we will give out after the Christmas Eve service. This will be particularly special because St. John's will offer a service of Lessons and Carols as our 11:00 service (We will also offer a 9:00 service of Holy Eucharist that morning.)

#### 12/14 (Advent III)

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Luke)  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir  
12:00 Coffee Hour

#### 12/21 (Advent IV)

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I  
10:00 a.m. Advent Workshop  
11:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Choir  
12:00 Coffee Hour at the Rectory

#### 12/24 (Christmas Eve)

3:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant at St. Andrew's Dune Church  
9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir at St. John's

#### 12/25 (Christmas Day)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II at St. John's

**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 Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)**

*Priest*

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.

**Postcommunion Hymn 645  
verses 1,2**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*People Stand or Kneel*

**Closing Hymn 56**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vss. 1-4)*

**The Dismissal (BCP 366)**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**— Dedications —**

The candles at the Altar this month were given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Rogers and Grimm families by Ann Grimm.

The flowers at the Altar this week were given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jane B. Cameron by Laurie Cameron Carson.

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

**1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;**

**2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**

**3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.**

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

**5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.**

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**

**7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

**18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

**19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.**

### **The Second Reading**

*Romans 15:4-13*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";  
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";  
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";  
and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

*People*           **Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Hymn 76**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

### **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## The Peace (BCP 360)

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

## Announcements

### The Liturgy of the Table

#### Offertory Sentence

#### Doxology Hymn 380, verse 3

#### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

#### Sanctus S-125

*Celebrant and People*

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

**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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and

*Matthew 3:1-12*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*After the Gospel reading, children are invited to attend Sunday School for the remainder of the service. Please follow the Cross to the Sunday School room.*

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Jeremy Carlson**

#### Nicene Creed (BCP 358)

**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.

### The Prayers of the People—Form IV (BCP 388)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**