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**The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

Rite II

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

February 28, 2021

**The Liturgy of the Word**

Silent Procession

Opening Sentences for Lent

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

**The Decalogue**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Officiant*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant 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.

### **Absolution**

*Officiant*

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.*

Kyrie S-91

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

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

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalm 22:22-30

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Sequence Hymn #675

"Take Up Your Cross"  
Vs. 1

*Bourbon*

Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

*The Officiant and congregation announce the Gospel reading as follows:*

**Officiant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

**Gospel:** **Mark 8:31-38**

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*The Officiant and congregation respond to the reading of the Gospel as follows:*

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Take up your cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

**Sermon**     The Reverend Dr. Nancy Hauser, Rector+

**The Nicene Creed**

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.

**Prayers of the People**

**Lector:** During this season of Lent, we focus our prayer on becoming wholly reliant on God’s tender love and mercy.

**Lector:** Have mercy upon your Church, O Lord, for those times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We are too quick to speak and slow to love. Look upon us with mercy;

**People:** *And with compassion remember us.*

**Lector:** Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord, especially those who are threatened by your message of love and mercy. Forgive us for our silence and complicity. Look upon us with mercy;

**People:** *And with compassion remember us.*

**Lector:** Have mercy upon those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Teach us to love what you have called good. Look upon us with mercy;

**People:** *And with compassion remember us.*

**Lector:** Have mercy upon our enemies, O Lord, and on those who persecute us. Teach us the love of Jesus, who prayed from the cross, "Father forgive them." Look upon us with mercy;

**People:** *And with compassion remember us.*

**Lector:** Have mercy on all who are sick or injured, O Lord. Strengthen the afflicted. comfort and care for those who are suffering. We remember especially: (PRAYER LIST). Please offer your own prayers and petitions silently or aloud.

*Officiant:* Please join me in the concluding collect.

**Officiant and People:** Merciful God, grant that the words we have heard on this day may through your grace be grafted inwardly into our hearts; that they may bring forth in us the fruits of good living. And may we realize our prayer to become wholly reliant on your tender love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Peace**

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory**

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God."  
*Ephesians 5:2*

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my Name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the “You” you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?  
Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show,  
thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me?

Doxology Hymn 380 (vs. 3) sung to the tune of *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

*Officiant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

*Officiant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Officiant

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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-124, Blue Hymnal*

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.

*Then the Officiant 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 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:

*Officiant and People*

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

*The Officiant 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.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Fraction**

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

~~Alleluia.~~ Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast.*** ~~Alleluia.~~

*Officiant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

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

Communion Hymn #38 LEVAS

“The Old Rugged Cross”  
Vs. 1 & 4

*George Bennard*

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the cross, the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

*Refrain*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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**

Closing Hymn #142

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”  
*Vs. 1 & 3*

*St. Flavian*

Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,  
and close by thee to stay.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,  
so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live  
by thy most holy word.

### **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Worship Support Today**

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Hauser, Rector+  
Lector: Leon Spencer  
Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers  
Soloists: Charlotte Paulsen, Mezzo; Leon Spencer, Bass  
Technical Support: Jay Hummel

*The altar greens are given today  
celebrating the people and ministries of Advent  
by Gerry & Diane Cousins*

*The sanctuary candle is given this week  
in thanksgiving for family & friends*

## **Vestry Members**

### **Terms Expire 2021**

Christopher Pepe  
Dave Scott  
Elizabeth Curtis Swain  
Collis Townsend

### **Terms Expire 2022**

Stuart Davies  
Kevin Delaney  
Kim Hoeschel  
Cindy Reindl

### **Terms Expire 2023**

Kym Dyer  
Bill Garrett  
Trish James  
Mary Nichols

## **Announcements**



Welcome Guests

Welcome to our recorded worship service

We are a faith community of people rooted in the historic traditions of the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are committed to unity, diversity and hospitality, and care for each other, our community and the world. We strive to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We invite you to fully participate in our recorded worship today and join us on our journey as disciples of Christ. We hope you will be enriched, refreshed and renewed through this time. Wherever you are on your Christian journey, please be assured that God loves you and that you are welcome here at Advent. We are blessed to have you join our recorded service today and hope Advent will become your church home.

Nancy+

## ~ SOUPeR BOWL OF CARING Collection Continues ~

**Thank you to everyone who donated to our Souper Bowl collection!**

If you forgot your donation, don't worry! For their Lenten Project, the kids have decided to continue to collect after each service for the next couple of weeks. Just pull up with your donation on your way out of the parking lot and the kids will unload your car. **There is a list of needed food items below.** Thank you in advance for your generous donations to KACS and helping those in our community. Watch for a total # of donated pounds of food coming soon.



**On Sunday, Feb. 7, during & after our Car Communion Service from 9 - 11 am, we'll be collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations for the Kennett Food Cupboard.**

**Most needed items are:**

- Low-sodium canned veg
- Rice (no 10 lb. bags please)
- Small-shaped pasta
- Dried beans
- Canned tuna
- Cereal
- PB
- Strawberry & grape jelly
- Flour/ maseca
- Cooking oil
- Plain tomato sauce

**Let's tackle hunger together!**

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~ VESTRY NEWS ~

**WOW Gifts** ~ I am constantly amazed at how God brings people with these WOW gifts to serve on the Vestry at Advent. Each one serving on our Vestry right now is offering their WOW gift to this congregation. These 12 people offer so much to this congregation and are rarely rewarded for their blood, sweat and tears. Next time you see them, please thank them for their WOW gifts:

Bill Steeller ~ Church Treasurer

Celia Kaucic ~ Vestry Secretary

Dave Scott '21 ~ leadership

Collis Townsend '21 ~ encouraging others to share out of an abundance

Chris Pepe '21 ~ stewardship of our financial resources

Kim Hoeschel '22 ~ education and teaching

Cindy Reindl '22 ~ organization and facilitating (she led the "Back to Church" group)

Stuart Davies '22 ~ leader endowment committee (encouraged Merrill-Lynch to lower our fee)

Kevin Delaney '22 ~ master of audio/recording and construction/contracting

Liz Curtis-Swain '21 ~ liaison with diocesan activities and local organizations

Kym Dyer '23 ~ analytical and thoughtful approach to our mission work

Bill Garrett '23 ~ ushering car communion with humor ☺

Trish James '22 ~ communications! Facebook ~ inside and outside; including analytics

Mary Nichols '23 ~ encouraging pastoral care and special programs

**Do you have a WOW gift? Now...**it is time to recruit four more people to offer their WOW gifts to our Vestry. They will fill the positions of current members whose terms are expiring. The Annual Election is coming up in April. Do you have a WOW gift to offer? We need your help. If you are interested and feel called to serve, please contact Dave Scott or Nancy Hauser+ for more information.

***"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:14-16.**

~ LENTEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ~

**Will you help us make palm crosses for parishioners at retirement communities?**

We receive the palms a week or so before Palm Sunday, and are looking for a few people to make crosses that will be given to parishioners at retirement communities on Palm Sunday.

Please e-mail Ann at [advent-secretary@adventks.org](mailto:advent-secretary@adventks.org) or call the church office at 610-444-4624.

**Many hands make light work.**

~ LENTEN OFFERINGS ~

**Lenten (After Supper) Wednesday Evenings 7-8 pm via Zoom**

Prayer Practices for Daily Life & Compline

*“Prayer doesn’t change God, it changes me.” C.S. Lewis*

Each Wednesday evening this Lent, we’ll be guided to experience a different prayer practice, in hopes of enlarging and enlivening our prayer lives. This coming Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, This week, Ellen Davies will guide us in journaling prayer. Ellen is an experienced meditation and yoga instructor. She taught Advent’s meditation series and the Journaling workshop. Journaling prayer takes the benefits of journaling—clarity, focus, discernment—and applies them to your prayer life. All you need is paper and pen, and an open mind and heart. Please join us to refresh and strengthen your pray life, and then to worship God together.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/92438424271?pwd=dzVHbTBuSDVRUy9tQjcxUUM5TVZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 924 3842 4271      Passcode: 869888

The guide to Week #1’s program on Lectio Divina is on the Advent web site, [www.adventks.org](http://www.adventks.org)

Upcoming Topics: Week #3 3/10    Examen  
                          Week #4 3/17    Gratitude and Breather Prayer Meditation  
                          Week #5 3/24    Prayer Resources

~ PIM UPDATE~

Can you imagine never having a new coat or shoes? Something just for yourself.. Operation Warm is an organization that provides warmth, confidence and hope to children in need through the gift of brand-new winter coats. Through serving millions of children in need across North America, we have seen that a brand-new coat offers a child physical and emotional warmth, confidence to socialize and succeed, and hope of a brighter future. Over the last 20 years, Operation Warm and our partners have used the coat as a bridge for families in need to access everything from flu shots to new books." Since the winter is almost at a close (hopefully!), Operation Warm is closing their coat season, but are “excited to hop, skip, and jump into new opportunities to provide children in need the gift of brand-new shoes.

I read an article this past week about children feeling ostracized by their peers because they were wearing previously owned clothing and it was not in “style.” We take so much for granted.

Church of the Advent takes pride in being a part of this endeavor to help children all over North America. We supported peration Warm in 2020, and will continue to do in 2021.

Please visit their website <https://www.operationwarm.org/> for further information.

Thank you. *Kym Dyer, Vestry ~ PIM Commission*

~ Join Our TECH & COMMUNICATIONS Crew! ~

- Are you interested in learning how to livestream and video record, especially when we return to the Sanctuary?
- Curious to know how we broadcast our Car Communion services through the radio?
- Are you creative and have a knack for graphic design?
- Do you enjoy taking pictures or have an interest in photojournalism?
- Are you considering a future career in PR or marketing?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, email Trish James at [pdurso\\_james@yahoo.com](mailto:pdurso_james@yahoo.com)

~ EVENTS ~

**Poetry at Advent** ~ I love to sit and read poetry - to hear the gentle lilt of the words, identify the cadence of the story a poem tells. Now the time has come for the poetry lovers at Advent to share their favorites. You are invited to join us once a month to read those poems you love, just so that we can hear them and enjoy them. Whatever your favorites - let's share with each other. We will start sharing in February. Please send an email to Connie Logan at [connie9713@msn.com](mailto:connie9713@msn.com), or call, 610-357-4100 and we will figure the best day and time for all! Join us!



**Women's 6-week Bible Study: Forgiving What You Can't Forget** ~ Thursdays 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. LIVE in the Youth Room (**note change in location**). Weekly meetings started on February 18, and will end March 25 2021. Masks required. In this six-week video-based session *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*, [Proverbs31.org](http://Proverbs31.org) founder and president Lysa TerKeurst will share what she's learned as she's moved through the journey of feeling stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain, playing offenses over and over in her mind. She's discovered that, to find life-giving freedom, you have to let go of bound-up resentment and resistance to forgive people who aren't always willing to make things right. Discover what the Bible really says about forgiveness and the peace that comes from living it out right now. Study guide available for online purchase. Contact Michele Pepe to sign up and for more information 302-373-4778 or [mremeypepe@gmail.com](mailto:mremeypepe@gmail.com)



**Advent will be hosting Red Cross Blood Drives**



**From 1 to 6 p.m. at Advent on Fridays, 2/26/, 3/5, 3/19, 3/30, 4/16, 4/20, 5/6, 5/11, 5/25/21/21 ~ please take note of the ADDITIONAL blood drives in March & April.** To sign up for one of the upcoming blood drives. Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search by zip code. **NOTE:** They will take walk-ins as the schedule permits, **but it is best to make an appointment.**

~ ALTAR FLOWER & SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIALS ~

**Open 2021 Dates for Sanctuary Candle Memorials** – the following Sundays are open if you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Candle: 2/28, 8/1, 9/12, 10/3, 10/31. The cost is \$9.00 per candle.



**Open 2021 Dates for Altar Flower Memorials** – the following Sundays are open if you would like to sponsor the altar flowers: 4/18, 8/22, 10/31. The cost for the two vases is \$98.00. Please contact Ann in the church office at [advent-secretary@adventks.org](mailto:advent-secretary@adventks.org) or 610-444-4624 to sponsor a date.

~ HAVE YOU HEARD? ~

**Have you heard about our MINI CONCERTS?** As an added bonus to our weekly worship, our music director, Wilson Somers has agreed to play a mini concert each week. Each concert will consist of three short pieces of sacred music from different genres. Our first concert consisted of three jazz pieces. The next two were joined with Kevin Delaney, Dean Pappas and Leon Spencer for blue grass-type music. Watch our Facebook page and website for upcoming concerts. They will put a song in your heart.

~ CHILDREN & YOUTH EDUCATION ~

**3-6th grade Sunday School:** This great group of kids meets once a month LIVE in Fellowship Hall from 10-11am. Our goal is for the kids to come, connect with their church friends, have lots of fun, and spend some time learning about how much God loves them. And we welcome siblings! We know how tough it can be to bring one child and not another. We will have plenty of chairs and materials for each class. Masks will be required. If parents would like to contact me about a Sunday that works for you to bring snacks and water for the kids, that would be great. PLEASE remind me if anyone has a food allergy!! Michele Pepe 302-373-4778, [mremeype@gmail.com](mailto:mremeype@gmail.com)

Here are the dates for 2021 winter/spring; 10-11am, Fellowship Hall. As the Bishop is limiting in-church gatherings, we will confirm these dates as they get closer.

**February 14    March 14 (daylight savings begins!)    April 11    May 16**



**For the New Year, resolve to nurture the faith of the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, Godchildren.** Sign-up to receive the weekly Godly Play email containing links to the story videos and parent pages. Then, you can easily forward these emails to family and friends with children. Youth are encouraged to join the twice-monthly Sunday morning Zoom class God, Church & Me. We're learning about our faith and church, and how they relate to the life of a teen today. For more information or to sign-up, call the church office at 610-444-4624 or email [KimHoeschel@gmail.com](mailto:KimHoeschel@gmail.com).

~ EDUCATION ~

**Virtual Adult Christian Education**

Although there are innumerable educational opportunities available online, parishioners seem to miss gathering and talking with fellow parishioners. To help stay connected during this time of sequestration, join any or all of the following offerings via Zoom. NOTE: All of the offerings listed below can be accessed on the home page of Advent's website [www.adventks.org](http://www.adventks.org)

Virtual Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

On Being – First Saturday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.

To join any of the offerings, simply click the link listed under each offering, or go to Zoom.com, click JOIN MEETING and enter ID and password listed below each offering.



**Virtual Coffee Hour ~ Sundays 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

Join our Virtual Coffee Hour for an informal opportunity to say hello and chat with fellow parishioners. It is fun to see each other on Zoom and catch up a bit. No agenda, just a friendly chat. Please drop in! Questions: contact Celia Kaucic at [ogremom808@gmail.com](mailto:ogremom808@gmail.com) or Mary Nichols at [mnichos23@gmail.com](mailto:mnichos23@gmail.com).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/757797973?pwd=eGZTU1VGK3diYktmejREZmFiVlhZZz09>

Meeting ID: 757 797 973

Password: 470968



**Bible Study ~ Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

This small group meets on Wednesday mornings. All are welcome to read and discuss. We are currently reading, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, by Marcus J. Borg.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/230419739?pwd=ZXNvTFdzZFJWeVBoOUxNdWVnMVhOQT09>

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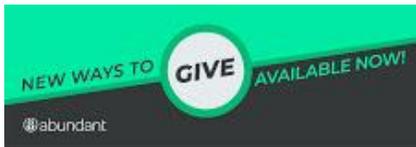
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**On Being ~ First Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m.**

Join the *On Being* Discussion Group to talk about issues raised by *On Being* interviews that feature deep and thoughtful discussions with contemporary thinkers. Jay Hummel leads this group which meets on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. E-mail Jay if you would like to receive his e-mails about the next *On Being* discussion topic and the Zoom meeting login information. [JayHummel@me.com](mailto:JayHummel@me.com)

~ FINANCIAL NEWS ~



***E-Giving has arrived!*** If you would like to make your contribution payments online by credit card or debit card, please go to [www.adventks.org/giving](http://www.adventks.org/giving) and click on the green E-Giving button. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Kathy in the church office – 610-444-4624 or

[financialsecretary@adventks.org](mailto:financialsecretary@adventks.org)



***Auto Debit*** - Contact Kathy Corkadel – [financialsecretary@adventks.org](mailto:financialsecretary@adventks.org) – if you are not currently participating in Auto Debit and would like to set that up. Funds will be transferred directly from your bank account into the church’s account either weekly or monthly. Kathy can send you a form to do this.



**Many people are suffering from financial concerns during this pandemic.** This information is provided for you or someone you may know who is in need of this assistance.

~ SERVICE TIMES & LINKS ~

**Winter Car Communion at Church of the Advent** ~ We are continuing to offer "Car Communion" through April 25, 2021. The service will only last about 20 minutes. There are 85 parking spots available. Please sign-up by clicking here [HERE](#) or you can copy and paste the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449abab2ba13-winter> and follow the instructions below.

- ) Sign-up for **ONE** of the parking spots (**one spot = one car**) on each of the Sundays you would like to attend.
- ) Once you have signed up for a parking spot, you will be asked how many people will be in your car.

Let us know how many people will be in your car so that we can make sure we have enough Communion wafers for everyone.

**Links to Sunday Service**

The Recorded Sunday Service will be broadcast on Advent’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/adventks/> and our YouTube page <https://tinyurl.com/tprj43J>

**Weekday Online Services**

*LIVE Morning Prayer Service* at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

*LIVE Healing Prayer service* at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays

~ PASTORAL CARE ~



Our Prayer Shawl knitters continue to knit and crochet and bless us with beautiful lap quilts and prayer shawls. They offer comfort to those in need of healing in mind, body or spirit. Do you or someone you know need a prayer shawl? They are available and may be picked up at the church office by appointment. Please call ahead (610) 444-4624 and make sure someone will be here. They will be placed in a plastic bag for your safety. Blessings and peace be with you all! Nancy+

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**  
**February 28 – March 7, 2021**

**For parishioners to whom we are committed in prayer:**

Diane Bieberbach	Home
Richard Bucher	Home
Jonathan Dash	
Jim Finnigan	Home
Marcia Hall	Home
Dottie Holweger	Home
Pat Kelley	Home
Anne Kirk	Home
Shirley Lester	Home
Ellie Lewis	Home
Jimmy McKeon	Home
Tori Robinson	Home
Sara Schwartz	Home
Jared Shea	Home
Peggy Smith	Home
Wilson & Joan Somers	
Mary Jo Tucker	Home
Sally Wolff	Home

**We pray for the faithful departed:**

Dick Kirk  
Sue Scott

**We pray for family and friends serving in our armed services:**

Jenni Castor, <i>USAF</i>	Niece of Larry & Irene Bosley
Private First Class Thomas Chong, <i>USMC</i>	Friend of Len & Diane Bieberbach
Lcpl. William Chong, <i>USMC</i>	Friend of Len & Diane Bieberbach
MS2 Jacqueline Knotts, <i>US Army</i>	
Maj. Gen. Craig LaFave, <i>USAF, Retired</i>	
SSgt. Jared A. LaFave, Maxwell AFB	
Brian O'Shea, <i>USMC</i>	Friend of the Rundles
Lt. Col. Andrew A. Rundle, <i>USMC</i>	Son of Al & Ealise Rundle
M.Sgt. David Tayler, <i>USAF</i>	Brother of Nancy Hauser
Cpl. Jason C. Tutchton, <i>USMC</i>	Grandson of Len & Diane Bieberbach
Justin Watson, <i>US Army</i>	Grandson of Marion Morton

**We pray for family, friends and neighbors:**

Rev. Beverly Bell	Pastor of Memorial AME New Garden Church
Marlene Brown	Sister-in-law of Kathy Corkadel
Kevin Byrne	Friend of Bill Gillan

Sandra Brown	Sister-in-law of George & Donna James
Lola Caldwell	Mother of Gaila Ciccarone
Rev. Christine Campbell	Friend of Donna Melton
Kia Carey	Daughter of Pastor Beverly Bell
John Cheek	Nephew of Suzi McCoy Shriner
Susan Choate	Friend in South Carolina
Maximus Culp	Grandson of Mary Kirk
Chris & Steve	Daughter & Son-in-Law of Judy Mason
David DeFlavis	Brother-in-law of Phyllis Wenner
Joanne DeFlavis	Sister of Phyllis Wenner
Denyse Diggins	Aunt of Ann Daemer
Dan Gift	Friend of Ann Daemer
Michelle Guizetti	Friend of Diane Bieberbach
Florence Harkins	Mother of June Sitko
Lynn Jamieson	Cousin of Kathy Corkadel
Clare Janes	Daughter of Susan Brewster
Katie Janes	Granddaughter of Susan Brewster
Kirsten Jensen	Granddaughter of Sandy & Penn Yeatman
Josh, Caleb, Wyatt & Nolan	Son & grandsons of Bill Turner
George Kantra	Father of Jill LaFave
Caitlin Kerrigan	Niece of Mary Jo Tucker
Dr. An Kim	New York City doctor
William Levandowski	Nephew of George James
Noyes Long	Brother of Troy Patterson
Vincent Long	Great-Nephew of Troy Patterson
Lynn Majarin	Friend of Suzanne Pusey
Josephine Palic	Mother of Jim Palic
Andrew Pierce	Friend of Hannah Radic
Mark Plesic	Friend of Hannah Radic
David Rea Family	Family of Dolly Rea
Stuart Root	Father of Kathleen Rhodes
Sandra	Friend of Kathy Corkadel
Dick Schoeninger	Son-in-law of Phyllis Wenner
Fran Scholl	Sister of Kathy Borrell
Ellie Shepherd	Granddaughter of Mary & Rich Nichols
Carol Steller	Mother of Bill Steller
Abigail Vogelsong	Granddaughter of Brenda Powell
John Womer	Friend of Hannah Radic
Judy Willis	Cousin of Dick Hall

The Parish Prayer Chain is immediately available to anyone who needs immediate and intense prayer for someone in a critical situation. **Please call the church office to initiate the three-day prayer chain.**

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, 2/28/21	<b>Snow Date for SOUPer Bowl Sunday Food Collection</b>	
		<b>Recorded Holy Eucharist – Rite II service.</b> View on Advent's Facebook or YouTube pages*
	9:00 a.m.	<b>Car Communion Service</b> – parking lot. Go to <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449abab2ba13-carcommunion">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449abab2ba13-carcommunion</a> to make a reservation.
	9:30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Hour</b> Via Zoom - Join Zoom Meeting at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/757797973?pwd=eGZTUlVGK3diYkmejREZmFVlhZZz09">https://zoom.us/j/757797973?pwd=eGZTUlVGK3diYkmejREZmFVlhZZz09</a> Meeting ID: 757 797 973      Password: 470968
Monday, 3/1/21	9:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Prayer Service</b> will be streamed on Advent's Facebook and YouTube* pages
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom</b>
Tuesday, 3/2/21	9:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Prayer Service</b> will be streamed on Advent's Facebook and YouTube* pages
	9:30 a.m.	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
Wednesday, 3/3/21	9:00 a.m.	<b>Healing &amp; Prayer Service</b> will be streamed on Advent's Facebook and YouTube* pages
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b> Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/230419739?pwd=ZXNvTFdzZFJWeVBoOUxNdWVnMVhOQT09">https://zoom.us/j/230419739?pwd=ZXNvTFdzZFJWeVBoOUxNdWVnMVhOQT09</a> Meeting ID: 230 419 739      Password: 875589
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Prayer Practices for Daily Life &amp; Compline ~ This week's offering is Journaling Prayer.</b> Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/92438424271?pwd=dzVHbTBuSDVRUy9tQjcxUUM5TVZOZz09">https://zoom.us/j/92438424271?pwd=dzVHbTBuSDVRUy9tQjcxUUM5TVZOZz09</a> Meeting ID: 924 3842 4271      Passcode: 869888
Thursday, 3/4/21	9:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Prayer Service</b> will be streamed on Advent's Facebook and YouTube* pages
	6:00 p.m.	<b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study: Forgiving What You Can't Forget</b> ~ LIVE in the Youth Room [note new location]. Contact Michele Pepe to sign up at 302-373-4778 or mremeypepe@gmail.com

\*To access Advent's Facebook page, go to <https://www.facebook.com/adventks/>

\*To access Advent's YouTube page, go to <https://tinyurl.com/tprj43j>

