



*The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV*

November 27, 2022 10:15AM

The Holy Eucharist: First Sunday of Advent

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**Assisting today:** Celebrant and Preacher: The Very Rev. Marjorie S. Bevans  
Acolytes: Yazmin Allander, Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith, Logan Houdyshell  
Reader: Vickie Bono Organist/Choirmaster: Dennis Deem  
Service Assistant: Welcome Team: Ava & Larry James

The Word of God

Prelude	“Gloria sei dir gesungen”	<i>J.S. Bach</i>
Processional Hymn #61	“Sleepers, wake!”	<i>Wachet auf</i>

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant may say*

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

## The Kyrie #S96

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says 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 Lessons

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (2:1-5) (Bible page 489)

“The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!”

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:11-14) (Bible -Old Testament – page 124)

“You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn “Signs of endings all around us”



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark-ness, death, and win - ter days—  
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise  
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Celtic Alleluia

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*People*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36-44) (Bible pg. 21)  
                          Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celtic Alleluia

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Marjorie S. Bevans

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.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons:  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

### *Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List*

The People of Ukraine	Hazel Ginther - healing	Kim Forrester – tests
Danny Satow – healing	Sally Morgan – healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Sally Davis – healing	Jordan Tingler – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Chris Heckman – MS	Don Stanley – healing
David Cottrill - healing	Carol Lathrop – healing	Ann Stevens – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Carl Slusher – healing
Will Haynes – healing	Amanda Morris – facing surgery	Dan Wilson – guidance
Diane Cottrill – healing	Cathy Freed – healing	Chris Mace – healing
Jackie Purkey – healing from stroke		

### *Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces*

Nathan Jones, Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

### *Those needing healing from cancer*

Glen Kirk	Buddy Lee	Michelle Frye	Lisa Tanner	Keith
Vicky Wilson	Rod Layfield	Tina Westfall	David White	Chloe Blatt
Matthew Jacobs	Ray Kidder	John Sartor	J. D. Williamson	Jean Singer
Kathy Castevetere	Mitchell Lowe	Phyllis Williams	Colette Pawlik	Paul Rutledge
Judy McCoy	Cleve Wigal	Steve Wilson		

Birthdays: Melody Houdyshell, Demetrie Smith, Deb Hepburn-McKinney

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Transfiguration, Buckhannon, and St. Paul's, Weston: The Rev. John Valentine

Our Companion Diocese of Colombia: The Rev. José William Correa Galvez, Misión San Juan Bautista

### A Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and Everlasting God, hear our prayers and grant to this parish all things necessary for its spiritual well-being: enlighten and guide our leaders, our clergy, wardens, and vestry; strengthen and increase the faithful, visit and relieve the sick, turn and renew the hard-hearted or careless, bring again

those who have wandered; remove from us anything that resists your grace or hinders your purposes; make all of us one united voice to sing your praise and to give witness to your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (from the Saint Augustine's Prayer Book)

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### *Celebrant 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

### *Celebrant*

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.

## The Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

## Announcements

### **The Holy Communion**

#### Offertory Sentences

#### Offertory Anthem

“Prepare the Way”

*Mozart*

The Presentation #380 (vs. 3) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

#### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

*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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.*

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*

Sanctus #S130

*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.

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. 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. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

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

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

### Agnus Dei #S164

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.*

Organ Communion Hymn “As the Deer Longs for the Waterbrooks” *Robert Benson*

Communion Hymn #486 (vs. 1, 2, & 3) “Hosanna to the living Lord!” *Hosanna*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:* 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.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries: Melody Houdyshell, Demetrie Smith, Deb Hepburn-McKinney

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

Closing Hymn #68 “Rejoice! rejoice, believers” *Llangloffan*

“Go Now in Peace” (led by handbells)

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stay seated for the Postlude*

Postlude “Zion hört die Wächter singen” *J.S. Bach*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pledges** - If you forgot your pledge card last week, some are available in the Welcome Center. Please get them in as soon as possible so we may prepare the 2023 budget.

**Thanksgiving Offering** – As in recent years past, we will support the **Hunters Helping the Hungry Program**. Hunters donate their surplus harvested deer and donations to the program pay for the venison to be processed into 2 lb. packages of ground meat. The meat is distributed to food pantries through the state, including ours. You may use your Thanksgiving envelope (if you have pledge envelopes) or simply write a check to Good Shepherd with “Hunters” in the memo line.

**Last Sunday Supper** is TODAY. We could really use your help since some of our regulars are not available. We begin set-up and food prep at 1PM or you may come at 5:15 to serve and possibly help with clean-up.

**Christmas Altar Flowers** – If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of or in thanksgiving of someone or something special in your life, you may use your Christmas Flower envelope provided with your offering envelopes or a check indicating in the memo section that it is for Christmas flowers. Please include a note of how you would like it to appear in the Christmas Flower insert for the bulletin. The deadline to be included in the Christmas bulletin insert is **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Your Christmas Greetings** for our parishioners may be emailed to Linda at LLBC100@msn.com before Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. They will appear in a special Christmas edition of the “Shepherd’s Staff” on Dec. 15. We will have sheets out for your message beginning next Sunday.

**Rummage Sale** – The December sale is this week, Fri, & Sat., Dec. 2 & 3. Next week Deb will be setting the store up for Adopted Families. If you have winter clothing or holiday items, please bring them in ASAP.

**Adopted Families** – Please return your filled toiletry bags and any donations of hats, gloves or gift wrap this week.