

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN
ADVENT



*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



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The Holy Eucharist

Renewed Ancient Text

Pre-Service Music

Announcements — beginning at 9:55am; followed by a few minutes of quiet reflection, prayer in preparation for worship

Lighting of Advent Wreath (As the candles are lit, we quiet ourselves and prepare for worship.)

Processional Song **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

(Verse 1)

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

(Verse 2)

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

(Verse 3)

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

(Verse 4)

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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Opening Hymn

Break Forth, Oh Beauteous

(Verse 1)

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
and usher in the morning.
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,
but hear the angel's warning:
this child, now weak in infancy,
our confidence and joy shall be,
the pow'r of Satan breaking,
our peace eternal making.

(Verse 2)

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
to herald our salvation.
He stoops to earth, the God of might,
our hope and expectation.
He comes in human flesh to dwell,
our God with us, Immanuel,
the night of darkness ending,
our fallen race befriending.

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Word of God

Acclamation *page 145*

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!** *Revelation 22:20*

Collect for Purity *prayed together page 124*

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.

Summary of the Law *page 124*

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

Trisagion *page 124*

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

All: *Have mercy upon us.*

Collect of the Day *page 614*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 7:10-17**

Lector: A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹"Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **Psalm 24**

Lector: We will read from Psalm 24 in unison.

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, and who has not set his mind upon vanity,
nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
- 5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of those who seek him, even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is the King of glory?" "It is the LORD, strong and mighty, even the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is the King of glory?" "The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Lector: A Reading from the book of Romans.

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ..

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Lo, He Comes with Clouds

(Verse 1)

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints
attending swell the triumph of his train;
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

(Verse 2)

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn Lo, He Comes with Clouds

(Verse 3)

Those dear tokens of his passion still
his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers;
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

(Verse 4)

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Sermon The Rev. Michael J. Bridge

Nicene Creed

said together page 126-127

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 *page 128*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

After each bidding, please silently or aloud offer your own prayers.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For Steve, our Archbishop, Mark and Allen, our Bishops, also Bishops Ray Sutton and Julian Dobbs, and Michael, our Priest, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially the leaders and staff of Campus Outreach, the Mossy Foot Project and the Underground Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially Donald Trump, our President.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution of Sin *page 129-130*

LEM: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence *Everyone may kneel as able and pray*

People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words *page 130-131*

Celebrant: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Peace *Please stand page 131*

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

People: **And with your spirit.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory *page 131*

Celebrant: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters], by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory Song **Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel**

(Verse 1)

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

(chorus)

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

(Verse 2)

O come thou Wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

O come O come thou Lord of might
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 4)

O come thou Branch of Jesse's tree
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save
And give them victory o'er the grave
(repeat chorus)

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Doxology *Please stand as the offering is brought forward*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offertory Prayer *page 131*

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *page 131(154)*

Please remain standing, if you are able to do so.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

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.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 glory 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:

All Sing: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Consecration *page 132-134*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become, subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.**

Lord's Prayer *Prayed together page 134*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access *page 135*

All Pray: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

Holy Communion *page 136*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

We invite all baptized Christians to join in Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you forward where you may receive Communion. The celebrant will offer you bread then a chalice bearer will offer you wine. Should you prefer not to drink from the cup, you may dip the bread into the chalice. If there is a reason you do not want to take bread or wine, you may remain seated or you are welcome to come to the front, to the left of the Communion service, where a member of our prayer team is available to quietly pray with and for you.

Communion Hymn **How Deep the Father's Love** (continued)

(Verse 1)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

(Verse 2)

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Communion Hymn How Deep the Father's Love (continued)

(Verse 3)

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Post-Communion Prayer *Prayed together page 137*

Let us pray: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing *page 137*

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

(Verse 1)

Rejoice, rejoice believers!
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near
The Bride-groom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh
Up! watch in expectation!
At midnight comes the cry

(Verse 2)

See that your lights are burning;
replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil,

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the
Bridegroom near,
Go meet him as he cometh,
with alleluias clear.

(Verse 3)

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
The days of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

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Dismissal *page 138*

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

WARNING NOTICE:

- DUE TO FALLING ICE - PLEASE DO NOT WALK OR PARK WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE OUTER SIDES OF THE SANCTUARY BUILDING IN THE WINTER/EARLY SPRING. WHENEVER IT WARMS UP AT ALL THE ICE FALLS OFF THIS VERY HIGH ROOF IN LARGE CHUNKS. PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND WARN OTHERS. THANK YOU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS** – Tuesday & Wednesday 1–5pm, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00am – 1pm
- **ACTIVATE THE PRAYER CHAIN** please text or call Bonnie Bridge at 231-445-1810 or e-mail bfbridge@gmail.com If you would like to be part of New Life's Prayer Chain please contact Bonnie

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Fridays at 9am in the annex study
- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – is currently on hiatus – our next meeting is January 22nd, location and leader TBD. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30pm, dinner 6:30 – 7:30pm and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00pm. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** – Come share conversation, laughter, and a warm cup of coffee with us! We'll gather on Saturday, January 10th from 9–11am— Host and location TBA. This welcoming group meets every second Saturday of the month, and we'd love for you to be part of it, bring a friend and enjoy a relaxed morning together. Interested in hosting? A sign-up sheet is available in Blanz Hall. Let's connect, encourage, and grow—one cup at a time.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY OUTREACH** — We will be collecting food items to put together meal bags for needy families to pickup outside the church. Please donate canned meats: tuna or chicken, pasta meals: hamburger helper or tuna helper, canned fruits and vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy and Jell-O. For more information contact Lacy.

MEETING & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW LIFE'S ANNUAL MEETING** is Sunday, January 18, 2026 after the morning worship service.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE** – Wednesday, December 24th at 6:30pm, remember to invite your friends and family.
- **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** – children 3 - 8yrs are dismissed at the beginning of the service to the annex classroom. For more information contact Darlene Wandrie 231-347-5871
- **THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER** – meets Thursdays at 8:30 am in Fr. Mike's Office. All are welcome.
- **THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN** – is currently on hiatus. When we resume, please join us at New Life on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:30–8:00 PM. Come read the Bible and share testimonies of what Jesus has done in your life and others', alongside D. W. Lucky III and Fr. Mike Bridge. We'll continue our journey through Matthew, with plenty of time for open Q&A. Adults 18+ are warmly welcome.

THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE *(Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at the church)*

Sunday 12/21	9:55 am	Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection
	10:00am	The Rev. Michael J. Bridge
		~ No Coffee Hour ~
Tuesday 12/23	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at Southwood's Restaurant
Wednesday 12/24	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service
Thursday 12/25		Merry Christmas
Sunday 12/28	9:55 am	Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection
	10:00am	The Rev. Michael J. Bridge
		After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall

SERVING SCHEDULE

TODAY, DECEMBER 21:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman

Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd

Lector: Leah Williams

Lay Minister: Erika Dielman

Prayer Team: Sally & Guy

Usher/Counter: Dan W. / Randy F

Greeter: Sally Stump

Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman

Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd

Lector: Erika Dielman

Lay Minister: Howard Bates

Prayer Team: Toni & Taylor

Usher/Counter: Randy F. / Don L

Greeter: Taylor DuBois

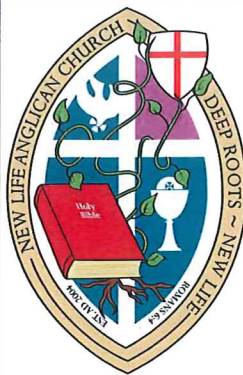
Coffee Hour: April Honeycutt

THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

We have now entered the season of Advent. Awaiting the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. The color has been changed to purple and will change to white Christmas Eve, His coming. The Advent wreath is standing in the nave. Four candles, three purple and one pink, in the center the Christ candle, all surrounded by evergreens. Each Sunday a candle is lit representing Peace, Love, Joy, and Hope. As we reflect, let us not forget....Jesus is the reason for the season. Our most treasured gift from a Father who loves us. Merry Christmas.

Notes

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Who We Are

We, the Members of New Life Anglican Church, form a welcoming and loving Anglican community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we love and praise God, and love our neighbors as ourselves. We celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation through the Holy Spirit, and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

Our Vision

We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith, and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

We will achieve the Great Commission through fulfillment of spiritual needs of our Church and community.

Our Motto

Deep Roots, New Life

Our Beliefs

We believe in the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God.

We believe that through the sin of Adam in the Garden of Eden, all of mankind has fallen and been corrupted by sin, and that God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die upon the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

We believe that The Nicene Creed and The Apostles Creed summarize the essentials of the Christian faith.

We believe that God the Holy Spirit dwells within us, and empowers us to a life of transformation and sanctification.

We believe in spiritual gifts.

We believe in the power of prayer.

Our Core Values

We value God's word.

We value God's creation.

We value holiness and spirit filled living.

We value life from conception to death.

We value generosity, charity and giving in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

We value spiritual growth.

We value the sacrament of Marriage as ordained by God.

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If You Are Visiting For The First Time

We welcome you, and we pray you will encounter the Lord in this place.

If you have any special needs, please tell one of our greeters or ushers. One is usually seated at the back of the room during the service.

Bathrooms are at the bottom of the stairs: the ladies' room is to the right; the men's room is down the hallway on the left.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs.

We invite you to sign our guest book or a Visitor's Card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

If you need additional prayer after services, please ask someone on the prayer team or fill out a Prayer Request Card

If you would like to learn more about New Life, please let us know.

We pray God will bless your day, and we hope to see you here next Sunday.