



Welcome to the Church of the Advent! If you are a guest with us, please know we are honored by your presence! We invite you to complete a guest card, which will allow us to remain in contact with you and provide you with additional information. You may place your completed card in the offering plate, or you may give it to our priest as you are leaving. On our website (www.adventks.org), you will find an up-to-date calendar of all church ministries and activities, and you may sign up to receive our weekly email. If you are interested in learning more about the Church of the Advent, the Episcopal Church, or the Christian faith, please contact our priest (Tim Johnson) at (610) 444-4624 or rector@adventks.org. **Again, welcome!**

Elementary Sunday School begins at 9:45 am, on Sundays, in the Children's Chapel.

Jr/Sr High Sunday School – There is no class meeting today. Class resumes next Sunday, Feb. 8th, at 9:45 am, in the St. Jude Room.

Adult Formation – There is no adult formation meeting today. Our next six-week series on the “Life of Jesus” will begin next Sunday, Feb. 8th, at 9:45 am, in the St. Nicholas Room.

Ash Wednesday Services (February 18th)

12:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Church of the Advent)
10:00 am (Kendal Community)
2:00 pm (Crosslands Community)
4:00 pm (Jenner's Pond Community)

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2026, 11:00 A.M.**

*(Our liturgy is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979
and Enriching Our Worship - an authorized supplement to the prayer book.
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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

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OPENING HYMN

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine
#177 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

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

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able for the sequence song and the Gospel.)

SEQUENCE HYMN *What Does the Lord Require?*

#605, v. 1-3 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

What Does the Lord Require?

#605, v. 4 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

HOMILY

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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**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 (*Please kneel, remain standing, or be seated.*)

Response to each petition: **Lord, here our prayer.**

CONFESSiON & ABSOLUTION

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 PEACE (*Please stand as you are able for the Peace.*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord
Advent Parish Choir

Thomas Atwood



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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (*Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (The Hymnal 1982, #380, v. 3)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Prayer B from the Book of Common Prayer)

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...

...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus – S129 in The Hymnal 1982

Powell

**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.**

(Please kneel, remain standing, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection;
we await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...

...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,

**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.
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 is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION HYMN *Blest are the Pure in Heart*
#656 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

WE GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

May the blessing of God our Father, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit who broods over you like a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Christ is the World's True Light
#542 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

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WORSHIP SUPPORT

Lector:

Sub Deacon: Pete Peterson

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Peterson

Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers

Pastoral Emergencies – If you have a pastoral emergency requiring the assistance of a priest, please contact the church office during office hours. Outside of office hours, please contact the Rev. Tim Johnson directly at 484-730-1988.



Ash Wednesday February 18

**10 am Eucharist & Ashes
@ Kendal Community**

**12 pm Eucharist & Ashes
@ Church of the Advent**

**2 pm Eucharist & Ashes
@ Crosslands Community**

**4 pm Eucharist & Ashes
@ Jenner's Pond**

**7 pm Eucharist & Ashes
@ Church of the Advent**

Lenten Potluck Suppers & Programming

Wednesday Nights in March

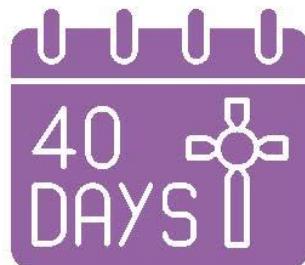
6:00 pm - Potluck Supper

6:30 pm - Program

Program Topic:

Develop your
own "rule of life"

to grow spiritually
and deepen your faith.



ALL are welcome! Join us!