

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Episcopal Church of the Advent

Kennett Square, PA

August 9, 2026 9:00 a.m.



Welcome to the Church of the Advent! If you are a guest with us this morning, 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!**

Our Parish Vision:

To build and nurture a community where all people may encounter God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ and learn to live as his followers in the world.

Our Parish Mission:

We seek to grow as disciples of Christ –
in community, prayer, learning, and service.

Our Parish Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory
and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Elementary Sunday School is on summer break and will resume in the fall.
Children's Chapel will be offered during the 9 am service in August.

Jr/Sr High Sunday School is on summer break and will resume in the fall.

Adult Formation – on summer break and will resume in the fall.

Readings for Next Week (August 16): Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Next midweek Eucharists at 8 am in the Chapel:

Monday 8/17 (St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord); Monday, 8/24 (St. Bartholomew)

*Our liturgy is taken from Enriching Our Worship,
an authorized supplement to the Prayer Book.*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia No.1

#3 in **The Family Service Songbook**

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

<i>Reader</i>	The word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the LORD tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45 Hallelujah!

SEQUENCE ALLELUIA (*Please stand as you are able for the Alleluia & Gospel.*)

sing 3 times



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THE GOSPEL – Matthew 14:22-33

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

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 remain standing, kneel, or sit for the prayers.)*

The response is “Lord, have mercy upon us.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant In silence, let us confess our sins before God.

Silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

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Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith



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(Please stand as you are able.)

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,

with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:

here we of - fer, Lord, our prais-es; heart and mind and strength we bring;

give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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PLEADING SAVIOR
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Prayer 1 from Enriching Our Worship)*

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.**

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sing 3 times in English.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you. My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra. Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are Ho - ly, Lord!
co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Señ - or.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

Remember his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation...

...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise for ever and ever. **AMEN!**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.
 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.

Lamb of God,
 Prince of Peace,
 Bread of Life,
 Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

1, 2, 3. 4.

us, Lamb of God. us, grant us peace.
 Prince of Peace.
 Bread of Life.

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COMMUNION HYMN *In Christ there is no East or West*
 #62 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black hymnal)**

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

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

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
#23 in ***The Family Service Songbook***

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

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The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored this week by Fran Wilson to the glory of God.

WORSHIP SUPPORT

<i>Lector:</i> Barbara Thornton	<i>Sub Deacon:</i> Barbara Thornton
<i>Eucharistic Minister:</i> Deb Peterson	<i>Director of Music:</i> Wilson G. Somers
<i>Usher(s):</i> Mike Bell	<i>The Advent Altar Guild</i>
<i>Guest Musicians:</i> Dean Pappas, Kevin Delaney	

SUGGESTED SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR THE SUMMER:

DWELLING IN THE WORD

Dwelling in the Word is a simple, easy way to reflect on a passage from Scripture. It is most easily done with a passage from one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John), and this practice may be done alone or with others. The bulletin insert contains a list of the appointed readings for next Sunday; try using *Dwelling on the Word* with next week's Gospel reading as a method for preparing for next week's worship service.

1. Read the passage aloud, slowly and intentionally. Read it with the goal of simply familiarizing yourself with the passage.
2. Read the passage aloud again. Pay particular attention to any word, phrase, or image that jumps out at you, catches your attention, or prompts a question. If you are doing this practice with others, share the word, phrase, or image that caught your attention.
3. Read the passage aloud for a third time. Ask: What might the Holy Spirit be saying to me as an individual or to our church community through this passage? If you are doing this practice with others, share your response to this question.