

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, PA
October 19, 2025 11:00 a.m.



Elementary Sunday School at 9:45, starts in the Children's Chapel.

Jr/Sr High Sunday School at 9:45, in the St. Jude Room.

****No Jr/Sr High Sunday School today. It will resume next Sunday.****

Adult Formation 9:45 Next week – Our Director of Music, Wilson Somers, will offer a demonstration of the organ and explain how it works. During the month of October, our adult formation is focused on acquainting/reacquainting the people of our parish with our church and campus.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

(Our liturgy is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*.)

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

Hopson

Gwen Calebrese, Emily Dryden, Mezzo Sopranos

OPENING HYMN

#711 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

#S-236 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Glory to you

Rutter

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Old Testament - Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

THE EPISTLE - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel.)

GOSPEL ALLELUIA (sing 3 times)



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THE GOSPEL - Luke 18:1-8

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*sing 1 time*)



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HOMILY

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

(Please kneel or remain seated for the prayers and confession.)

Response to each intercession – God, our refuge and strength, ... **hear us, we pray.**

THE 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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

O Sacred Feast
Advent Parish Choir

Willan

DOXOLOGY *(Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.)*
Hymn tune from # 380, v. 3 in the Hymnal 1982 – blue hymnal

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below! Praise him above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Prayer C 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, and to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sing 3 times in English.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
 Music: Argentine traditional

ARGENTINE SANTO
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(You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our mothers and fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, and Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father, who art in	as we forgive those who trespass
heaven, hallowed be thy Name,	against us.
thy kingdom come,	Lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom, and
Give us this day our daily bread.	the power, and the glory for ever
And forgive us our trespasses,	and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION HYMN #151 in the **Lift Every Voice and Sing** (red & black hymnal)
One Bread, One Body

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #178 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Alleluia, Give Thanks

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Marcello

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Lector: Diane Chun

Sub Deacon: Dennis Glasgow

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Chun

Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers

The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored this week by
Diane Bieberbach in memory of Leonard Bieberbach.

SUGGESTED SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR THE FALL:

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our shared struggles for peace and justice, to relate to one another without hatred or bitterness, and to commit to working together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Emergencies – If you have a pastoral emergency requiring the immediate 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.



Invitation to a Parish Weekend Retreat
Jan. 30th - Feb. 1st
(Friday – Sunday)

Join us for a parish weekend retreat at the beautiful Daylesford Abbey Spirituality and Retreat Center in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Beginning Friday, January 30th with dinner, and concluding on Sunday, February 1st with lunch, the weekend will provide opportunity for learning, fellowship, worship, and rest/leisure time. The Spirituality and Retreat Center at Daylesford Abbey will be our host, providing comfortable single and double-occupancy guest rooms and all meals.

The theme of the weekend will be: "Friendship with Jesus." In the church, we often refer to Jesus as our Savior and our Lord, but what does it mean to call Jesus our friend? What difference would it make to our spiritual lives and to our relationship with Jesus if we approach him as our friend?

The cost for the weekend is \$250 per person (financial assistance available), which includes lodging for two nights and all meals.

Contact Rev. Tim if you have questions (rector@adventks.org).

To register, scan this QR code, or contact Rev. Tim.





Are you an adult who has never been confirmed or received by the Bishop?

If you are an adult member of the Church of the Advent and have never been confirmed, or if you were confirmed in a denomination other than the Episcopal Church and have not been received by a bishop in the Episcopal Church, please consider doing so when Bishop Daniel Gutierrez visits our parish on Sunday, November 9th.

In the Episcopal Church and in the broader Anglican Communion, bishops are considered living symbols of our unity and shared faith. As such, the administration of the sacramental rite of confirmation is reserved for bishops. Bishops also formally receive and pray for all members who have joined the Episcopal Church from another Christian church or denomination.

If you are interested in being confirmed or formally received by the Bishop on November 9th, please let Rev. Tim by using the QR code below. If you have any questions, or if you are not sure if this applies to you, do not hesitate to reach out to Rev. Tim (rector@adventks.org).

