

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 (Rev. Tim) at (610) 444-4624 or rector@adventks.org. **Again, welcome!**



**THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
WITH BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 2025, 11:00 A.M.**

Elementary Sunday School at 9:45, starts in the Children's Chapel.
****No Jr/Sr High Sunday School today. It will resume next Sunday.****

Jr/Sr High Sunday School at 10:00, in the St. Jude Room.
****No Jr/Sr High Sunday School today. It will resume next Sunday.****

Adult Formation 9:45 today: Our lectionary discussion group (St. Anne Room) and the discussion of *The Message of Jesus* (St. Nicholas Room) meet today and will continue next Sunday.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

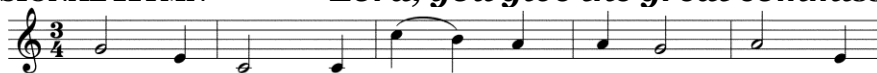
PRELUDE

Adagio for Violin and Organ

J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, you give the great commission



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am



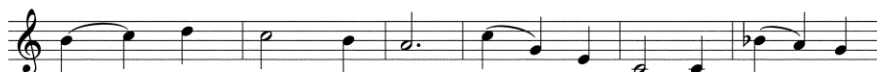
sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, And the Gos - pel go un - heard,
 trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each,
 earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
 pri - vate treas - ure All that you so free - ly give.
 love re - stor - ing, May we serve as you in - tend,



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose With re -
 Give us all new fer - vor, draw us Clos - er
 Ask - ing that the world a - round us Share your
 May your care and mer - cy lead us To a
 And, a - mid the cares that claim us, Hold in



newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 in com - mun - i - ty;
 chil - dren's lib - er - ty; With the Spir - it's gifts em -
 just so - ci - e - ty;
 mind e - ter - ni - ty;



power us For the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b.1934, © 1978, Hope Publishing Co.
 Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH, 8 7 8 7 D; Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991, © 1942, 1970, Hope Publishing Co.

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**
Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

Bishop & People

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Job 19:23-27a

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

Psalm 17:1-9

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
 give heed to my cry; *
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
 I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
 in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
 incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
 from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
 hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, *
 from my deadly enemies who surround me.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this

purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the sequence songs and the reading of the Gospel.)

SEQUENCE SONG

Jesus loves me

Traditional – Warner/Bradbury

Advent Youth Choirs

Dr. Mary Kate Newell, Co-Director

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

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

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of

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

We are singing for the Lord is our Light arr. Hal Hopson
Advent Youth Choirs

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY BAPTISM, ADMINISTER CONFIRMATION,
AND RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS**

Bishop The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Godparents I present Samuel Francis to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Bishop Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Godparents & Parents
I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grown into the full stature of Christ?

Godparents & Parents
I will, with God's help.

Bishop Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Godparents & Parents
I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Godparents & Parents
I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Godparents & Parents
I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Godparents & Parents
I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Godparents & Parents
I do.

Bishop Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Godparents & Parents
I do.

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

Bishop The Candidates for Confirmation and Reception will now be presented.

Rector Bishop, I present _____ for Confirmation, and I present _____ to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace, I will follow him as my savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will!**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

(Please stand as you are able.)

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bishop Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER, BAPTISM, AND ANOINTING

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that he who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Bishop
Samuel Francis, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
Amen.

(Following the baptism, the Bishop anoints the newly baptized with Chrism and pronounces, "You are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever." Amen.)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

(Please be seated.)

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

(A moment of silence is kept.)

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop confirms each candidate with these words:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

The Bishop receives each candidate with these words:

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Following the Confirmations and Receptions, the Bishop prays:

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY *O God, beyond all praising* arr. Dan Forrest
 Advent Parish Choir

The offering collected today will be donated to the Bishop's Discretionary Account to be used for needs of the church not covered by the diocesan budget, such as religious and charitable purposes, pastoral emergencies, and ministries arising during the course of the year. Checks may be made out to the "Diocese of PA."

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(sung to the tune of hymn 400 in the Hymnal 1982)

(Eucharistic Prayer A 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:

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
6 7 8 5

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...
...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...
...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!**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Solo *Were You There* arr. Moses Hogan
Delia Rhodes, Mezzo

Hymn *Blessed Assurance* printed on pages 15 & 16

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 RETURN TO THE WORLD

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *I am the Bread of Life* printed on pages 17 & 18

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!




1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per-fect de - light, Vi-sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; Watch-ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, Born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, Filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my

First system of the musical score. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics "Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 9/10.

Second system of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody with lyrics "song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.". The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Tune: ASSURANCE, 9 10 9 9 with refrain; Phoebe P. Knapp, 1839–1908

RECESSIONAL HYMN

I am the Bread of Life

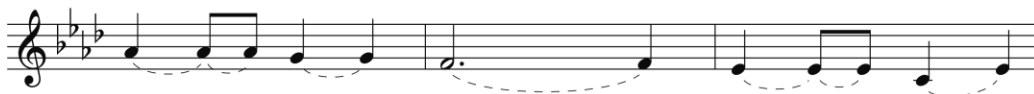
Verses



1. _____ I am the Bread of life. You who
 2. The bread that _____ I will give is my
 3. Un - less _____ you _____ eat of the
 4. _____ I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, _____
 5. Yes, Lord, _____ I be - lieve that _____



come to me shall not hun - ger; _____ and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, _____ and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man _____ and _____
 I _____ am the life. _____ If you be -
 you _____ are the Christ, _____ the _____



lieve in me shall not thirst. _____ No one can come to
 eat _____ of this bread, _____ you shall live for
 drink _____ of his blood, _____ and drink _____ of his
 lieve _____ in _____ me, _____ e - ven _____ though you
 Son _____ of _____ God, _____ Who _____ has _____



me un - less the _____ Fa - ther beck - ons.
 ev - er, _____ you shall live for ev - er.
 blood, _____ you shall not have life with - in you.
 die, _____ you shall live for ev - er.
 come in - to _____ the _____ world. _____

Refrain

And I will raise you up, and I will

raise you up, and I will raise you

up on the last day.

Text: John 6; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927
 Tune: BREAD OF LIFE, Irregular with refrain; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927
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WORSHIP SUPPORT

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez

Lector: Barbara Thornton

Crucifer: Monica Eboda

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Chun & Monica Eboda

Usher: Judy Mason

Director of Music: Mr. Wilson Somers

*The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored this week by Wilson & Joan Somers
in memory of Emily, Clarence, and Terrell Gault*

*The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in deep appreciation
for the people of Advent by the Rev. Timothy Johnson, Dr. Kevin O'Brien, and
Victor and Omar Johnson O'Brien on the occasion of the third of anniversary
of Tim's rectorship.*

SUGGESTED SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR NOVEMBER: THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS!

A wise Christian once noted that the Christian life is not so much “taught” as it is “caught.” The point this person was making is that we learn more about Christian living through the examples of faithful role models than we do in a Sunday school classroom. In the month of November, when the church throughout the world observes the Feast of All Saints, take some time to reflect on the individuals in your own life who modelled faithful Christian living. What did you learn from them? If you could ask them a question about their faith, what would it be? If possible, set aside time to talk with them and ask your question.

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.

