



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, in the Children's Chapel.

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

Adult Formation – Our current six-week series on the “Life of Jesus” begins at 9:45 am, in the St. Nicholas Room.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 15, 2026, 11:00 A.M.

*(Our liturgy is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1979
and the 2022 Book of Occasional Services.
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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fantasia in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

OPENING HYMN

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies
#7 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with

whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 *O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair*

#137, v. 1-4 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 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair
#137, v. 5 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 c
come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Please kneel, remain standing, or be seated for the prayers.)

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

O Sing Unto the Lord
Advent Parish Choir

Hans Leo Hassler



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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 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*
#324 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

CLOSING HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
#427 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Pavane and Galliard

William Byrd

*Last week's Sanctuary Candle was sponsored by Barbara Thornton:
To my husband, Gerry...Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure,
loving you always, forgetting you never.*

*This week's Sanctuary Candle is sponsored by
Doranne, Sue and Georgia in memory of Violet Fassett.*

WORSHIP SUPPORT

Lector: Dennis Glasgow

Sub Deacon: Pete Peterson

Eucharistic Minister: Dennis Glasgow

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

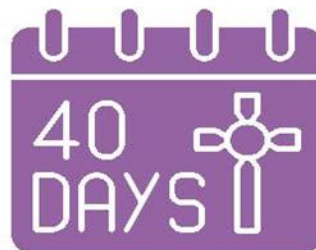
6:00 pm - Potluck Supper

6:30 pm - Program

Program Topic:

Develop your
own "rule of life"

to grow spiritually
and deepen your faith.



ALL are welcome! Join us!