



**The Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**11:00 a.m., Sunday, June 14, 2026**  
**The Episcopal Church of the Advent**  
**Kennett Square**

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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

**Adult Formation** – Adult formation is on break for June. On the Sundays of July, at 10 am in the parish hall, Rev. Tim will lead a class on the Anglican Communion (of which the Episcopal Church is a part). The Anglican Communion is the third largest Christian denomination/communion in the world.

**Readings for Next Week (June 21):** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

**Midweek Holy Eucharist, 8 am in the Chapel** –Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> (Nativity of John the Baptist); Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> (Sts. Peter & Paul)

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

*Adagio*

Mozart

**OPENING HYMN**

*Come Labor On*

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

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

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

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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Gloria*

#S-280 in the front of **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant & People*

**Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

## **THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**      *Awake, Thou Spirit of the Watchmen*  
#540, v. 1-2, 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 9:35-10:8-23**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable

for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Awake, Thou Spirit of the Watchmen*  
540, v.3, in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

**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 remain standing, kneel or be seated for the prayers. The response is “Hear us, gracious Lord.”)*

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*(A period of silence is observed.)*

**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.**

#### **WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Joshua fit de Battle*  
Advent Parish Choir

Kirby Shaw



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## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*(Please stand as you are able. The Doxology is sung to hymn tune #400 in The Hymnal 1982 – the blue hymnal.)*

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

*(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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** S-130 *(sung by all)*

Schubert

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(You may remain standing, kneel, or sit 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.

*Celebrant and People:*

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice...

...glory is your, 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,                      as we forgive those who  
hallowed be thy Name,                                      trespass 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  
And forgive us our trespasses,                      ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us!  
*People*        **Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*Locus Iste*

Bruckner

**COMMUNION HYMN**        *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*  
#321 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray  
**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**

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**        *Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling*  
#475 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude and Fugue in G*

Bach

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The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored this week by  
Anastasia Bowes in honor of her wedding.

**WORSHIP SUPPORT**

*Lector:* Monica Eboda

*Eucharistic Minister:* Deb Peterson

*Sub Deacon:* Pete Peterson

*Director of Music:* Wilson G. Somers

*Usher:* Damon Sinclair

The Advent Altar Guild

*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.*

**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 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(s).



## at Advent!

### Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, we will worship at 7:45 am (Rite 1) and 9:00 am (Rite 2). **Children's Chapel** will be offered during the 9:00 am service in July and August.

### Adult Formation – the Sundays of July @ 10 am

As an Episcopalian, you are part of the worldwide Anglican Communion—the third largest Christian communion in the world after the Roman Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodoxy. At 10:00 am on the Sundays of July, Rev. will lead a class that explores its history, organization, and mission.

### Summer Book Chat on Zoom: *Between Heaven and Mirth* by James Martin, S.J.

Fr. Jim Martin, a Jesuit priest, explores the role of joy, humor, and laughter in Christianity. What better topic to discuss during the months of summer! Led by Rev. Tim, we will meet 7:00-8:15 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of July and August, via Zoom. Register at:

