



Welcome to the Church of the Advent! If you are visiting with us, please know we are honored by your presence! We invite you to complete a visitor 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) by calling the church office at (610) 444-4624 or by email at rector@adventks.org. **Again, welcome!**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 2, 2025, 10:30 A.M.**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

(Our liturgy is taken from the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching our Worship, an authorized supplement to the Prayer Book.)

PRELUDE

Quietude
Advent Bell Choir

Sandra Eithem

OPENING HYMN

How Bright Appears the Morning Star
#497 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.

Celebrant & People

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; 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: Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 (sing twice) *Living in the Light* Joan & Wilson Somers

G D Em Bm C G/B
Liv-ing in the light of God's on - ly Son_ now that we have Je - sus we can
4 Am D G D Em Bm
live in His Love Liv-ing in the light of God's on - ly Son_
7 C G/B D(sus4) G
now that we know Je - sus we can live in His love_

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

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

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found

the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (*sing once*) *Living in the Light* Joan & Wilson Somers

HOMILY The Reverend Timothy A. Johnson+

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 kneel, remain standing, or be seated for the prayers and confession.)

Response to each petition: **Hear our prayer.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence)

Celebrant & People

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Advent Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

(Eucharistic 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...

...we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

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

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

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you...

...to you be honor, glory, and praise for ever and 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.
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Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

Jesus Christ our Lord

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

The Church

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant & People

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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
#436 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Handel

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The Altar flowers are co-sponsored by:
Lisa Forsyth in loving memory of Alma & James Forsyth
Rev. Judith Greene in memory of Jane Elizabeth Hardy*

*This week's Sanctuary candle is sponsored
by Kathy & Leon Spencer
in memory of Louella H. Spencer.*

WORSHIP SUPPORT

Celebrant: The Reverend Timothy A. Johnson, Rector +

Lector: Dick Sanford

Sub Deacon: Dick Sanford

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Peterson

Ushers: Damon Sinclair, Suzanne Pusey

Bell Choir Director: Leon Spencer

Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers

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