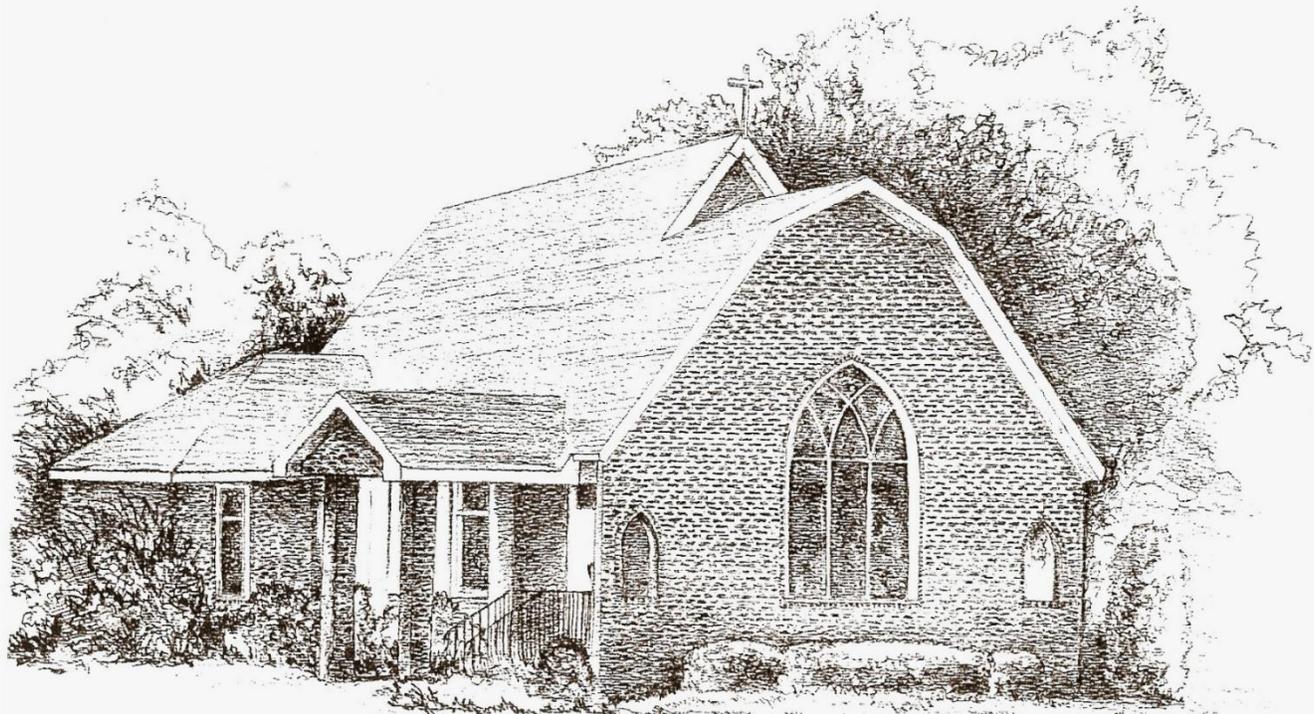


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The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 56(1-4)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The people standing:

First Sunday of Advent: Hope in God's Presence with Us

Leader: “Keep awake-for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake” (Mark 13:35-37)

Light the first candle, the candle of Hope

Leader: Reflection for the Week: It's tempting to hear Mark's call to “keep awake” as a warning or threat. What if we heard these words as hopeful, as an invitation to set aside the Christmas lists, maybe decline a few part invitations, and focus instead on keeping our hearts awake?

Leader: Action for the Week: Look for signs of God's presence this week. Where is God already present? How is Jesus coming to you in this season?

Leader: Prayer for the Week:

Leader and People: **God of the Present Moment, we hear your invitation to keep awake. When hope feels as fleeting as a bird, remind us that you are ever present. We pray that hope lingers and makes a home in our lives this Advent. Amen.**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant may say

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.

Kyrie – Cursillo Song Book #60 - (Yellow Book)

Kyrie eleison ***Christe eleison*** Kyrie eleison

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and
put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which
your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the
last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge
both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A Reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

The Epistle

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #544

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:25-36

*People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Don Woodrum

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.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #68

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymnal 1982 - S129 – Sanctus (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

People and Celebrant

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. And 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Hymnal 1982 – S161 – Agnus Dei (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People *(All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine)*

Communion Hymn –Hymnal 1982 - #325

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

Blessing: *The Priest offers a blessing.*

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 671

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The People respond ***Thanks be to God.***

In an effort to keep current needs on the prayer list, names will remain for a month. If you see a name that needs to remain longer, please call or email the church office.

PRAYER LIST The prayers of the parish are requested for: Larry Rambach, Ethel Johnson, Joan Blake, Fr. Lance Horne, the family of Thomas E. Johnson, Baya Harrison, Jon Boggus, Jack Alger, Brantly and Susie Helvenston, Bill Kosty, Martha Patton, Wyman & Marion Harvard, Robert Burns, Joe & Judy Paul, Opal Law, Doris McClain, Sue Mobley, Rachel Hingson, , Lila Poston, Reece Hopkins, Rick Buxton, and Sarah Giddens

Sustained Illness/Concern: Phyllis & Bill Taylor, Darel Burns, Meredith Mobley, Craig Jacobsen, Brad Green, and Brittany Smith, Sister Maria Ann, Brent Trost, Kris Cheatham, Doug Helgeson, Vivian Bass, Bill Green, DeLaine Cribb, Susanne Walters, Bob Stross, Kristen Braddy, Russell Johnson, Glenn Miller, Mtr. Tulia, Herrington/Thomas families, Tanya Fulgham, and Albert Sutton.

Our soldiers deployed: Logan Ragans and 868 Engineer Company, Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Brent Trost, Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice. Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children, and Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic

ALTAR FLOWERS The altar flowers are given by Susie and Brantly Helvenston to the glory of God and in thanks for the Blessing and Mercies we have received.

RECORDING HELP: The communications ministry has asked for back up help pressing the record button before service. This is easily

trained, and you'd be doing a great service for St. Luke's. Please call or email Jasmine in the office to help.

DEACON'S CORNER:

Dear St. Luke's family, Mtr. Tulia sends her love and greetings to all of us. There are no words to say how much she appreciates our faithful love and support for her and her family and for Fieles A Jesus. We are literally their life-line and because of what we are able to send, they are able to live. The girls start school this week and it is a bit nerve wracking for them because they have a long ways to walk and it is necessary to take food for lunch or they have to walk home and then return to school after lunch. Tulia and Osmani believe that because of the incessant oppression that continues to get worse and worse that there is no future for their girls in Cuba. Thursday they had an appointment to apply for passports for all of them. This is just the first step in a long process, but they want to be ready should the opportunity arise for them to leave. Please be much in prayer for them as they consider what they should do. We will continue to send food and money as long as they are there and to support them in any way we can – especially be our prayers. Thank you so much for your faithfulness.

POINSETTIAS- If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, there is a sign-up sheet in the church. They are \$14 again this year. The deadline to order is **November 30th** so don't wait!

DINNER ANGELS The Youth Group meets Sunday evenings at 6pm. If you would like to volunteer to be a Dinner Angel and prepare a meal, the sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please call/text Shannon McCook for more information 386-208-5741.

THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE'S We are excited to announce that St. Luke's is beginning a discerning class for The Order of St. Luke's which is a ministry where you learn to pray as a Healing Ministry. We will begin classes on "The 26 Miracles of Jesus" in January. If you are hearing a call to learn about healing prayers, please contact Deacon Lydia or Evelyn Walden for more information.

Website - <https://osltoday.org/about-us/>

BOOK STUDY The Daughters of the King are beginning an Advent book study with "I Witness" by Dean Kate of St. John's Jacksonville, this week. This invitation extends to anyone interested. See Ann Thompson or call 386-208-2764 for more details. If you would like to order a book, they are \$5- please let Jasmine in the office know asap.

DRIVER FOR ACV St. Luke's is looking for a volunteer to help our parishioners from Advent Christian Village get transportation to the 11:00 services. If you can help, please Jasmine or Dn. Phyllis know. NEED DRIVER FOR Nov 28th, Dec 11th, Dec 19th, and Dec 26th

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS Daughters of the King have coordinated an Advent Devotional book for St. Luke's. Much thought, prayer, and devotion were poured into this gift for the St. Luke's Family. Please pick yours up in church this Sunday. If you do not see one in your name, please let Jasmine or Ann Thompson know and we will update our records and get one for you.

YOUTH SUNDAY Mark your calendars; Youth Sunday is next Sunday, **December 5th. There will be one service at 10am** with coffee hour to follow. The youth will lead the service and provide a

homily-don't miss this special day to support St. Luke's young people.

BUSY HANDS ANNUAL SALE – Mark your calendars for **Dec 12th**. Busy Hands will hold our Christmas sale before and after both services. We will have our usual items for sale: aprons, towels, ornaments, and many new items. Come see what we have and enjoy Coffee Hour hosted by Busy Hands.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING MEETING Dec 7th @4:30.
Business meeting, meal and fellowship.

VESTRY MEETING Dec 13th @5:30

SHEPHERD'S HANDS CLINIC- Dec 14th 5:30

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON THE TROLLEY- Dec 15th
@6pm

Looking ahead at next Sunday, Dec 5th- Second Sunday of Advent/ Youth Sunday -ONE SERVICE AT 10am

Candle Lighting/Reading: Youth Group

Altar Flowers: Marion & Wyman Harvard

Altar Duty: Marion & Barbara

Acolyte: Youth Group

Lectors Youth Group

Ushers: Youth Group