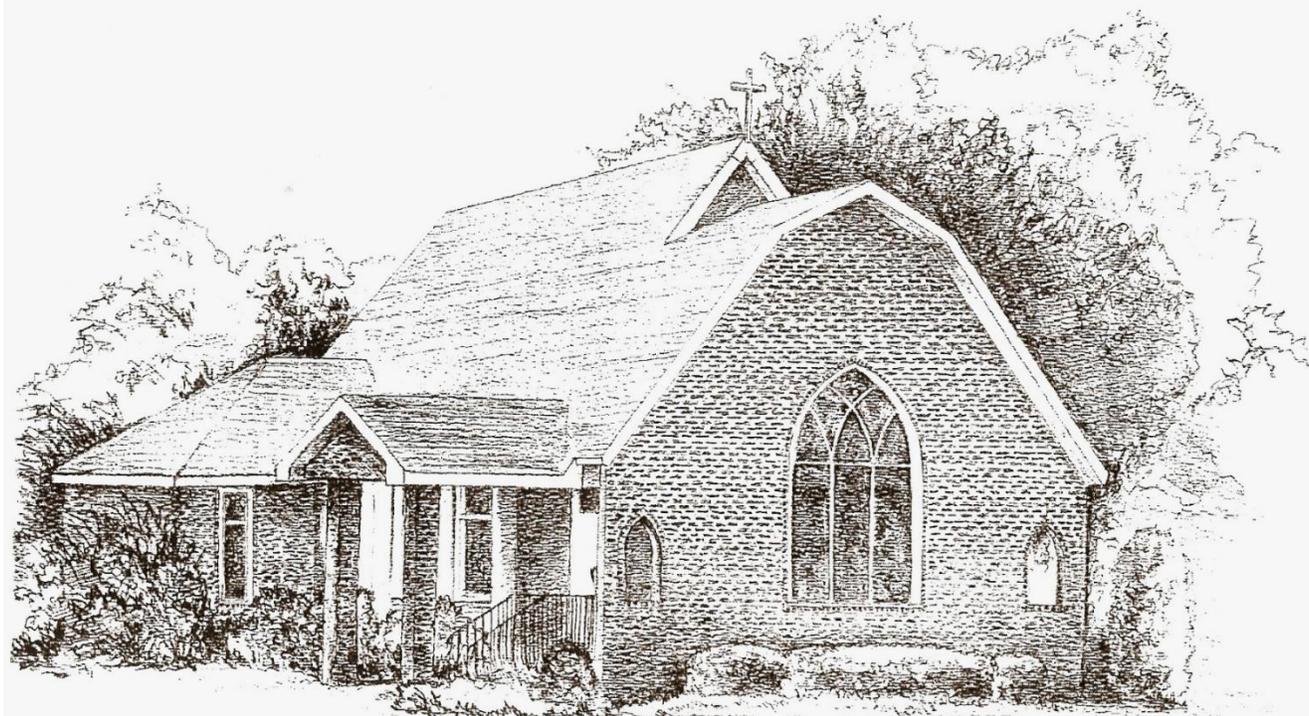


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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 56

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The people standing:

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love Living Among Us

Leader: A Reading from Luke 1:41-42.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'

Light the fourth candle, the candle of Love

Leader: The love in this scripture is more than the love of a mother for her child. It's the love of God who would come to dwell among us, demonstrating God's great love for us.

Leader: Action for the Week: Each time you see a child this week, pray that love would be made real in action.

Leader: Prayer for the Week:

Leader and People: **God of Love, continue to take on flesh and be made real in our families, in our communities, and in the world. 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 Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that
your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion
prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 80:1-7

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.**

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
**how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.**

*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 the Letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O
God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #68

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then
returned to her home.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

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 III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and 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 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 #66

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 - S130 – 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 – S160 – 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 - #304

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 - # 73

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: Vivian Bass, Larry Rambach, Kenny Boudreau, Joan Blake, Baya Harrison, Fr. Lance Horne, Roco Cooler, Dotty Stone, Baya Harrison, Jon Boggus, Jack Alger, Bill Kosty, Martha Patton, Wyman & Marion Harvard, Opal Law, Doris McClain, Sue Mobley, Rachel Hingson. Sustained Illness/Concern: Phyllis & Bill Taylor, Robert Burns, Meredith Mobley, Craig Jacobsen, Brad Green, Sarah Giddens, Brittany Smith, Kris Cheatham, Doug Helgeson, 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; 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 Brantly & Susie Helvenston to the Glory of God and in loving thanksgiving for our anniversary.

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.

DEACONS CORNER Today is Cuba Sunday. Things in Cuba are going along as usual – many people are feeling depressed and hopeless, and many others are looking for ways forward. It is a difficult time. We hope that in January we will again be able to get religious visas now that US passports are again being accepted. I hear that Cuba welcomes any all medicines and food that anyone can bring. So we hope to be able to take a lot of medicines, food, shoes and equipment for the water purification system at least. We need to know if anyone of you would like to go to Cuba to help deliver these things as soon as it is possible. We will plan to spend a very short time there because hospitality is very difficult for them right now.

Our main goal will be to deliver whatever we can take and then return home quickly. For now, Mother Tulia is planning a Christmas celebration for Fieles A Jesus. She hopes to be able to serve ham sandwiches to all who come. That may not sound like much, but for them it would be fabulous! We are still able to send money to them as well as food. Thank God for His blessings!! Thank you for your continued prayers for our extended family at Fieles A Jesus.

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 An Advent book study with "I Witness" by Dean Kate of St. John's Jacksonville is underway. 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.

MEN'S GROUP - At the next men's dinner on Tuesday , Dec 28 we will have Chef Frank Harmon preparing prime rib and all the fixings for those that attend. It's important that we have an accurate count so sign up in the Parish Hall. Arrive at 5:30 for social time.

ADA RAMP PROGRESS As we have all experienced this year in some way or another, many areas of business are having trouble in shortages of materials and/or labor. Our ramp project has been experiencing these issues as well. Please be patient as this process is slow, but things **are** happening. We ask that you don't use the ramp

until the railing is completed so you don't have an accident.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VESTRY Please keep in thought and prayer St. Luke's Clergy who have done so much this year to keep worship activities as active as possible throughout all the challenges of 2021. St. Luke's is so grateful to Fr. Don, Dn. Phyllis and Dn. Lydia for their service. They are all a true blessing! St. Luke's also thanks Jasmine and Lynn for keeping up with the business and operations. If you would like to include a special Christmas gift to the clergy/office staff, please make checks to St. Luke's and the recipient(s) names in the memo for presentation this week.

CLASS OF 2022 VESTRY Please pray about nominations for the new Vestry. You may submit your name or a name of another (please ask permission first) to a Vestry member or a note in the offering plate. In accordance with Diocese Canon 19, qualifications are: Members of the vestry shall be adult confirmed communicants in good standing of the parish for a period of six months last past at the date of their selection.

Christmas Eve Service Volunteers:

Altar Flowers: Roylyn & Russell

Altar Duty: Fran & Evelyn

Organ Recording: 6pm Graeme/11pm Brantly

Acolyte: 6pm: Graeson/11pm Tamara, TBD

Lectors 6pm: Deans/11pm: Simpsons

Ushers: 6pm:TBD/11pm John Tull, TBD

Looking ahead at next Sunday, Dec 26th

Altar Flowers: Roylyn & Russell

Altar Duty: Fran & Evelyn

Organ Recording: Brantly

Acolyte: 9am:Andy /Graeson 11am

Lectors 9am: Tony & Andy/11am:Deans

Ushers: 9am: Brothers 11am: Airths