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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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November 27, 2022 9:00am

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**The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church**  
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# Welcome to Annunciation

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## Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for quiet prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

## What's Happening

The Parish News is your guide to everything happening in our parish. The bulletin contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found in either the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

## Communion

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Communion.

## Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

## Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

## Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

## Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

## Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

## Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## Online Worship

### Streaming to Facebook Live

If you aren't able to join us for our in person service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

## In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- **Masks are optional inside. Please gauge your own continuum of safety.**

## Holy Eucharist:

- This morning we will be celebrating Holy Eucharist. At the invitation to Communion, please come forward to the altar, either one "pod" together or one individual at a time, and receive the wafer. Take a cup and after you have consumed the wine, put it in the glass container by the lectern.

*Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### *A Reflection on Staying Awake*

When Brother Lawrence began to learn constant communion with God,  
he often spent his prayer period rejecting wandering thoughts,  
only to find himself caught up in distractions.  
He just couldn't regulate his devotions by the methods some succeed at.  
Nonetheless he had given forced meditation a try, but finally gave it up as a bad job. ...  
He had given careful thought to the devices for getting to God,  
but learned the quickest way to get there meant going straight to God.  
How?

By continually loving God  
– he called this “a continual exercise of love” –  
and by doing everything for God's sake.

from *The Practice of the Presence of God*

Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection  
collected by Abbott Joseph de Beaufort  
edited and paraphrased by Donald E. Demaray

## Opening Hymn #74

*Blessed be the King whose coming*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People:* You come to your people and set them free.

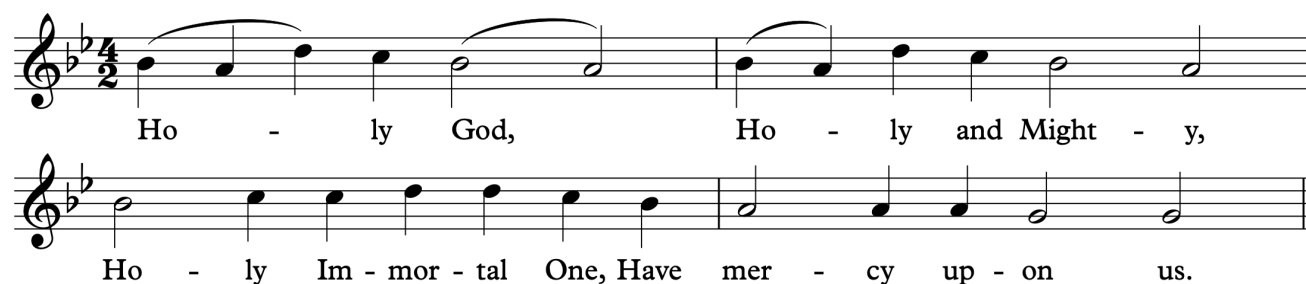
## Collect for Purity

*Celebrant and People:* 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.

## Song of Praise

S-102, Blue Book, Hymnal 1982

*Sing 3 times:*



*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*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.

*People:* ***Amen.***

### **The First Lesson**

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The Prophet sets forth a majestic vision of a time when people throughout the world will worship the Lord and live in peace with one another.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Psalm**

*Reader:* Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse.

***Psalm 122***

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 *Now our feet are standing \* within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with itself;

4 *To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \* the assembly of Israel,*

*to praise the Name of the Lord.*

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*

the thrones of the house of David.

6 *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \* "May they prosper who love you.*

7 Peace be within your walls \* and quietness within your towers.

8 *For my brethren and companions' sake, \**

*I pray for your prosperity.*

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*

I will seek to do you good."

## The Second Lesson

*Romans 13:11-14*

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## Sequence Hymn #454, v.1

## The Gospel

*Matthew 24:36-44*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

**Deacon:** Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Children's Chapel

*Please join in singing the first verse of "This light of mine." All children are invited to follow the small cross to take part in a liturgy of their own. They will return at the Peace.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*

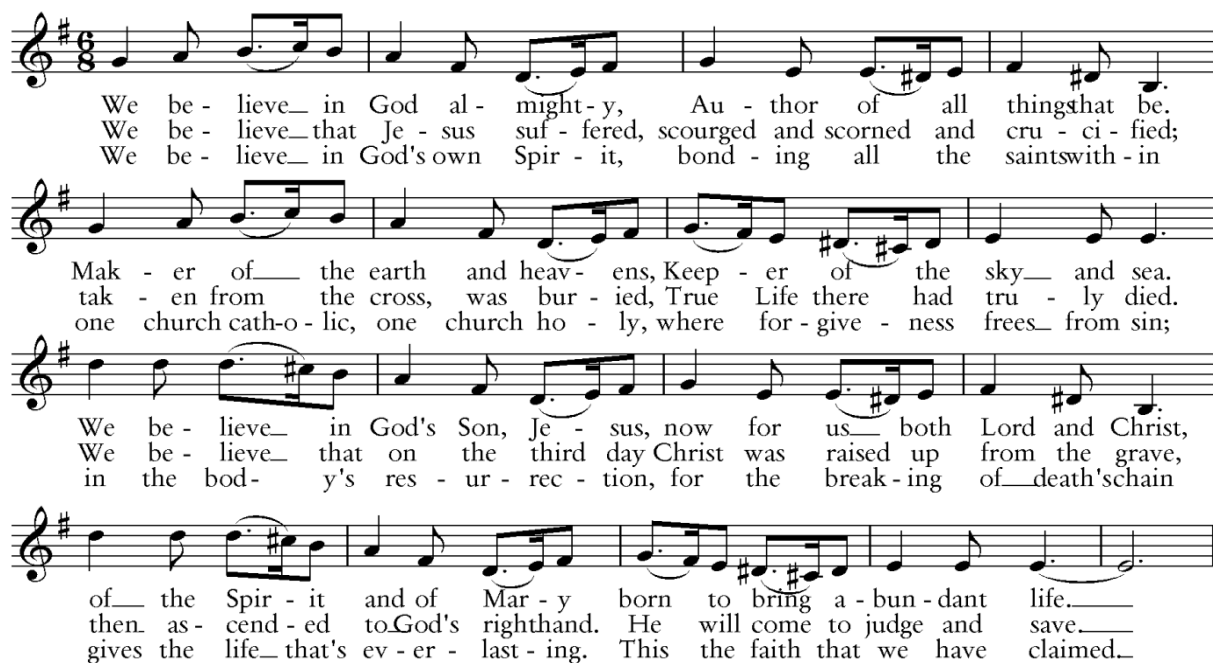
*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

### The Sermon

#### An Affirmation of Faith



We be - lieve\_ in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.  
We be - lieve\_ that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
We be - lieve\_ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saintswit - in

Mak - er of\_ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of\_ the sky\_ and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees\_ from sin;

We be - lieve\_ in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us\_ both Lord and Christ,  
We be - lieve\_ that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of\_ death's chain

of\_ the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.\_  
then as - cend - ed to God's righthand. He will come to judge and save.\_  
gives the life\_ that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.\_

## The Prayers of the People

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

**Leader:** People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Teach us your ways, O God, that we may walk in your paths."

**Leader:** Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer. This morning we remember Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara and The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God;

**People:** *That we may walk in your paths.*

**Leader:** Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more. This morning we remember those places touched by war and violence, including Southern Sudan, Iran, Somalia, and Colorado Springs.

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God;

**People:** *That we may walk in your paths.*

**Leader:** Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise.

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God;

**People:** *That we may walk in your paths.*

**Leader:** Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light. This morning we pray for:  
Those who serve in the armed forces, including **Liam** Mellen, **Christopher** Pavy, **Nick** Unda, **Ian** Pocklington, **Ethan** Pocklington, **Christopher** Froelich, **Karl** Mohrmann, **Trish** Hull, **Clay** Anderson, and **Quinton** Hocking, let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, including **Dale and Sandy** Sander (11/28), **Maryann** Esguerra (11/27), **Isla** Hodges (11/28), and **Emily** Mylniec (11/29).

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God;

**People:** *That we may walk in your paths.*

**Leader:** Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near. This morning we pray for: **Bishop Paula; Bishop Samy and Archdeacon Donne; Sandi, Fran, Rick, Jerry; Jane; Jeremy; A.S.; Karen; Josianne; Pam; Elinah, Darice, Harisoa, Manirisoa, Louisiano; Ashley; Helene; John;**

*and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS and the Community Meal program.*

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God;

**People:** *That we may walk in your paths.*

**Leader:** Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return., with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever. This morning we remember *Susan* Schrunk.

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God;

**People:** *That we may walk in your paths.*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.*

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

**Celebrant:** My dear friends in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **Offertory**

**Celebrant:** Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's name; bring offerings and come into God's courts with praise and thanksgiving.

### **Offertory Hymn #59**

*Lark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

### **Presentation Hymn**

*Tune: Morning Song*

*Text: Adam Tice*



## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them to the Lord.*

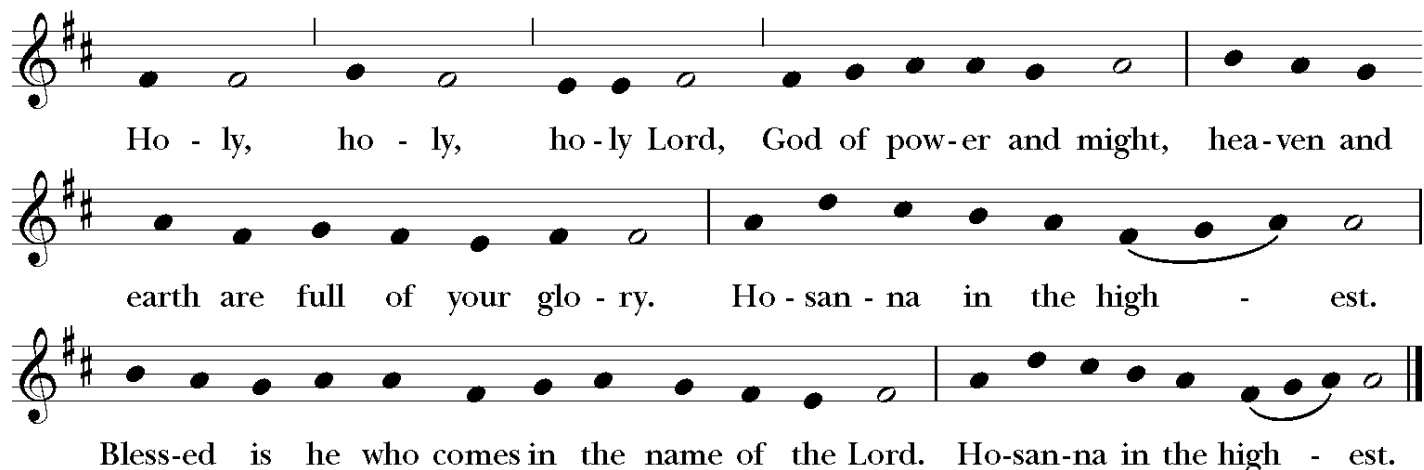
**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

**Celebrant:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

S-124



**Celebrant:** All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy God. On the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread. When he had given you thanks, he broke it, 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; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is

my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me. Therefore, we glorify you, O Christ:

**People:**     *Your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim;  
your coming we await;  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus!*

**Celebrant:**   Loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**People:**     *Amen!*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Presider:**   And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**People:**     *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**

**Celebrant:**   Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:**     *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Celebrant:**   These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

## Receiving Communion

*You're Invited: This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*

*Host: Our communion is by bread or wafer. The priest or deacon will place the sacrament in your hand.*

*Wine: You are invited to receive the wine by the common cup, either by sipping (please guide the chalice with your hand) or by intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine). Additionally, if you would like to receive in the single-serving cups, a Eucharistic Minister will have a tray of cups by the right ambulatory.*

*Gluten: Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*

**Communion Hymn WLP #724**

*People, look east*

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

## Postcommunion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: ***God of abundance,  
 you have fed with with the bread of life  
 and the cup of salvation;  
 you have united us with Christ and one another;  
 and you have made us one  
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world***

*and continue for ever in the risen life  
of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn #68**

*Rejoice! rejoice believers*

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## **Postlude**

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## Worship Ministers

Crucifer/Acolyte     Walter Smith  
1st Reader &     Steve Kublis  
Psalm     Carol Anderson  
2nd Reader     John Anderson  
Prayers     Carol and John Anderson  
Euch. Minister

Ushers  
Sunrise Minister  
Altar Guild  
Healing Minister  
Musicians

Barb Clark and Leanne Ulmer  
Steve Kublis and Deacon Anne  
Damaso Hodges  
John Anderson  
Elaine and Ron O'Neil

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## Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Annunciation is a place...*

*To be included*

*To be honest*

*To be challenged*

*To be empowered*

*To find hope*

## Thank You



Today's coffee hour hosts:  
Dale and Sandy Sander

# Announcements and Calendar

## Christmas Poinsettias

Giving toward our Christmas flowers is a great way to honor a loved one and/or celebrate a blessing in your life. Donation forms and envelopes are on the Communications Center in the Narthex. Thank you!

## Advent Devotionals

The Living Compass Advent devotionals are available on the Communication Wall.

From the introduction:

*...Culture puts many demands on us this time of year, wanting us to complicate our lives by doing more, buying more, eating more, etc. Focusing on simplicity, especially a profoundly spiritual interior simplicity, is indeed counter-cultural. This makes it a perfect focus for Advent because the season of Advent itself is counter-cultural. So let us embrace whole-heartedly the seasons of Advent, along with these reflections, as the support we need to practice simplicity in a way that will help us prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas.*

## Photo Directory

Tuesday, November 29, is the photo date for our new church directory. The photo times are from 2 PM through 8:30 PM. We will be using the rooms in the Sunday School wing for check-in, photos and photo viewing. We will be using the exterior door from the parking lot into the Sunday School wing. There will be a sign directing you to the correct door.

We had said last week that we would give you some tips for your photo session. These are taken from the appointment flyer you received when you made your appointment. Just to be sure you have the tips, here they are:

**CLOTHING:** Solid colors work best and will make you look thinner.

**HAIR:** Be yourself and avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session.

**JEWELRY:** If you have jewelry that has special meaning to you, wear it. (I plan to wear one of my necklaces from Madagascar, for instance.)

**MAKE-UP:** Apply make-up as you would normally for an evening out. Pay special attention to your eyes; they are the focal point in a portrait.

**GLASSES:** If you wear glasses all the time, you'll want to wear them in your portraits. Don't worry, the company will take care of any glare.

If you would like to be photographed with your pet, please feel free to bring him or her. Also, you can bring any props such as musical instruments, flowers, sports equipment, etc. if you would like.

After you have had your photos taken, you will have a short time to choose the picture to go into the church directory and your FREE OF CHARGE 8x10. You will also be able to order additional pictures, picture Christmas cards, etc. from Universal church Directories' long line of gift items if you would like. These will be back in time for Christmas giving and will be sent directly to your home. BUT remember, you DO NOT have to buy anything for these pictures to be taken.

Picture directories are very important for newcomers to cement in their minds who people are so we would like to thank you for being a part of the directory.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry

## Caring 4Kids

Please bring your gifts by December 4th!

Details . . .

- Donations need to be in by Sunday, December 4th so they can be prepared for distribution.
  - Please note the tag you take on the sign-out sheet on the table next to the tree.
  - Donations can be dropped off in store bags, gift bags aren't necessary, and please do not gift wrap the items.
  - Items can be purchased at the store of your choice. Some favorites are Target, Kohl's, Old Navy, Walmart, and Amazon.
- Thank you, again, for your support. Any questions, please contact me at lindbladandrea@gmail.com or 847-962-4807.

Andrea Lindblad

*Every year hundreds of children go without proper clothing. Caring for Kids Clothing is a non-profit organization that helps provide these children with the clothing they so desperately need. Since our beginning in 2010 Caring for Kid has helped outfit hundreds of children every year. We provide an immediate need in warm winter gear, school uniforms, everyday clothing, gym shoes, snow boots, socks, under garments and so much more.*

*Goods and services donations are especially welcome as we hold several fundraisers each season and can always make use of raffle prizes and silent auction items. You can make a difference in a child's life; even the smallest donation can make a difference!*

## **Community Meals at Christ Church, Waukegan**

**An Annunciation team will be serving meals with New Hope UMC at Christ Church Waukegan.**

**Our next service is on December 11th.**

Our Community Meal Team, Bob Coates, Tom Crafton, and Deacon Anne, assisted New Hope UMC last Sunday at Christ Church Waukegan. We served 82 meals to over 40 families. Our next day of service is December 11, from 12:30 – 3:30. We hope to expand our participation in 2023. We would prepare meals for the second Sunday of at least six times in the year. If you are interested in planning and preparing meals before these Sundays or pack and distribute meals on second Sundays, contact Deacon Anne.

## **Parish Life**

Thank you to Bob Coates and Tom Crafton for hosting coffee hour last Sunday.

This Sunday, Dale and Sandy Sander will be hosting to celebrate their anniversary. I betcha a nice cake will be awaiting us..

Our Annual Ornament Exchange is quickly approaching. Have you gotten your ornament yet???? I now have my ornament order which includes a really cute one for the Ornament Exchange. I know of one couple who buy their ornaments on their travels during the year which makes them extra special. Another friend of mine has ordered an ornament but it may not be delivered in time for December 10. If you have not gotten yours, please do so quickly.

For those who do not know what the Ornament Exchange is, let me tell you about this annual tradition. We all wrap an ornament in beautiful paper or gift bags and bring it along with an appetizer/dessert and something to drink (wine is very acceptable). We meet in the Narthex of the church and have some good food, some good drink and are initially instructed in the time tested rules of the Ornament Exchange. Each person is given a number and we start from number one choosing packages and oohing and aahing about each ornament. Like a white elephant party, stealing is not only expected but encouraged. The stealing gets funnier and funnier as the wine flows more and more. At the end, each person owns up to his or her ornament and tells where it came from. It gives us good ideas for the next year. Everyone who has attended, comes back the next year or laments missing it. This year it will be on Saturday night, December 10, from 7 to 9 PM...ish. We will have the white board sign up going this Sunday. Please clear your calendar, you won't want to miss this one!!!!

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry

## **Adult Forum**

11/27 Episcopal 101: The Bible – What is God saying?

12/4 Episcopal 101: Sacraments and Sacramental Rites: Is it 2, 3, 4, 7, or 8?

12/11 Episcopal 101: How do we tell the Good News?

Join us for a multi-week exploration of the Episcopal Church including sacraments and sacramental rites, Daily prayer, The Bible: What does God Say, and Why is the Christian Life so important. This class is for anyone who would like to dive deeper into the life and practices of the Episcopal Church as well as those seeking Confirmation and Reception.

## Scouting News

Nov. 26 Pick-up wreath orders at Church 1:00pm – 3:00pm

If you have any questions, please see Brian Penticoff or Wayne (Bugs) Moran

## Wednesday Morning Book Study

Our current study of Mother Teresa: No Greater Love has now come to an end. We did not have class on November 16 due to a lack of attendance so our final two chapters will be read on our own. Those are "On Suffering & Death" and "On the Missionaries of Charity" from page 135 to page 158. Please do read these chapters so we can get the flavor of the end of the book from a prospective of Mother Teresa's thoughts on God's love for us in all things.

We will not have class again until January 4 since the holidays are upon us. I will send out Amazon overviews of books then ask for opinions on our next one. Patsy's last book is certainly high up on the list.

Whatever we decide to do, please join us for our next book. It is a wonderful group of ladies (men could join us, you know) who really care for each other. So, y'all come!!!!

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry or Deb Gallinger.

## 12@12 Service

We continue with *Came to Believe...* The book is available on-line or can be ordered for you (please let Pastor Jenni know if you would like one ordered.) This week we will be reading Chapter 2 pages 1-6.

## PADS donations

If you would like to contribute to the ministry of PADS, we are currently in need of monetary support. Please note on the check or mark on the envelope: PADS.

## COOKIE WALK - DEC 18

### "Cookie Re-Connections"

The Holiday Cookie Walk is an "All Hands on Deck" event. Maybe you aren't a baker, and that's ok! There are many opportunities to jump in and help make this annual community event successful. Most importantly, we need lots of "Elves" after worship on event day to ensure operations are smooth, guests are helped quickly, & everyone is feeling festive! Additionally, we're hosting a new event this year... a Mass Production Cookie Decorating Night! We will provide the cookies for you to dip and sprinkle!

To sign-up, use the link in the Parish News. (There is also a hard copy signup in the parish hall, if you prefer).

We still need bakers! Please turn in your Baker Forms on the Cookie Walk HQ Wall in the parish hall or submit a digital form through the Parish News.

Please reach out to a Cookie Walk Team Member if you have any questions. We are so excited to be back this year!! Thank you for all of your enthusiasm with baking, advertising, & volunteering.

With gratitude... the '22 Cookie Walk Team (Samantha R, Deb G, Sue L, Elizabeth D, & Sandi H)



## Save the Dates

### November

- 27 1 Advent  
Adult Forum: Episcopal 101  
The Bible: What is God saying?
- 29 12@12 Service| 12:00 pm  
Scouts| 7:00pm

### December

- 1 Mah Jongg |12:00pm
- 2 Karate |6:00pm  
Cookie Walk decorating gathering |5:30pm
- 3 Holly (Siver) Korus funeral |11:00 am

4 2 Advent – St Nicholas’ Sunday  
Adult Forum: Episcopal 101  
Sacraments and Sacramental rites – Is it 2,  
3, 4, 7, or 8?  
5 Book Club |7:00pm  
6 12@12 Service |12:00pm  
Scouts |7:00pm  
7 Wednesday Book Study |10:00am  
Karate |7:00pm  
8 Prayer Shawl Ministry| 10:30am  
Mah Jongg |12:00pm  
9 Karate |6:00pm  
10 Men’s Group |9:00am  
Ornament Exchange |7:00pm  
11 3 Advent  
Adult Forum: Episcopal 101  
13 12@12 Service| 12:00 pm  
Cub Scouts |6:00pm  
Scouts | 7:00pm  
14 Wednesday Book Study |10:00am  
Karate |7:00pm  
15 Mah Jongg |12:00pm  
16 Karate |6:00pm  
17 B&G |9:00am  
18 4 Advent – Cookie Walk  
19 Juice and Cookies |9:00am–12:00pm

20 Juice and Cookies |9:00am–12:00pm  
12@12 Service| 12:00 pm  
21 Juice and Cookies |9:00am–12:00pm  
Wednesday Book Study |10:00am  
Blue Christmas | 7:00pm  
22 Juice and Cookies |9:00am–12:00pm  
23 Karate |6:00pm  
24 Christmas Eve |4:00pm  
25 Christmas Day | 10:00am

#### January

1 New Year’s Day  
Holy Name | 10:00am  
3 No 12@12 Service  
4 No Wednesday Book Study  
5 Mah Jongg |12:00pm  
7 B&G| 9:00am  
8 Epiphany |9:00am  
De-greening of the Church  
10 12@12 Service|12:00pm  
11 Wednesday Book Study |10:00am  
12 Mah Jongg |12:00pm  
14 Men’s Group |9:00am