The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
29 November 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Roy Tripp, Celebrant



Welcome! *We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Church Center. If you need pastoral care, reach out to Fr. Roy at RoyTripp@mac.com. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the shelves in the back of the church and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.*

If this is your first visit, kindly complete a pew card, and drop it in the offering plate to stay connected with us.

The Hymnal is in the "pew back" in front of you. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship.

NOTES:

As Episcopalians, we are guided by the promises of the Baptismal Covenant. We promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being. Those promises call us not simply to tolerate one another, but to celebrate one another as beloved children of God.

In a time when our society is often marked by division, fear, and suspicion, the Church is called to be something different: a community where people encounter the reconciling love of God and discover that there is room for all of us at Christ's table.



The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley
Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

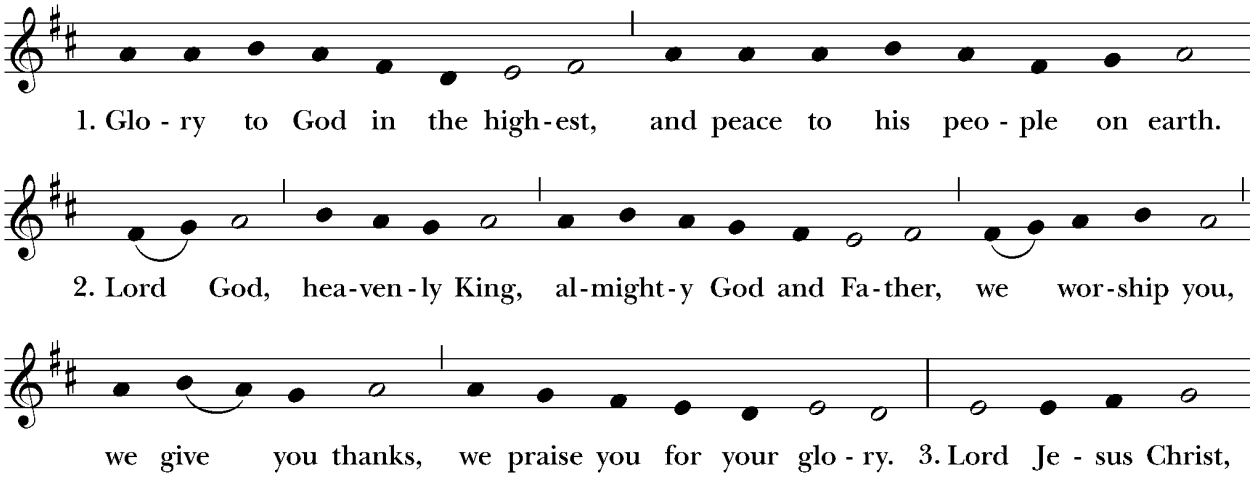
INTROIT ***sung by the choir***
Matin Responsory ***Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)***
I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
"Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?"
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
Go ye out to meet him and say:
"Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
I look from afar (etc.) ...

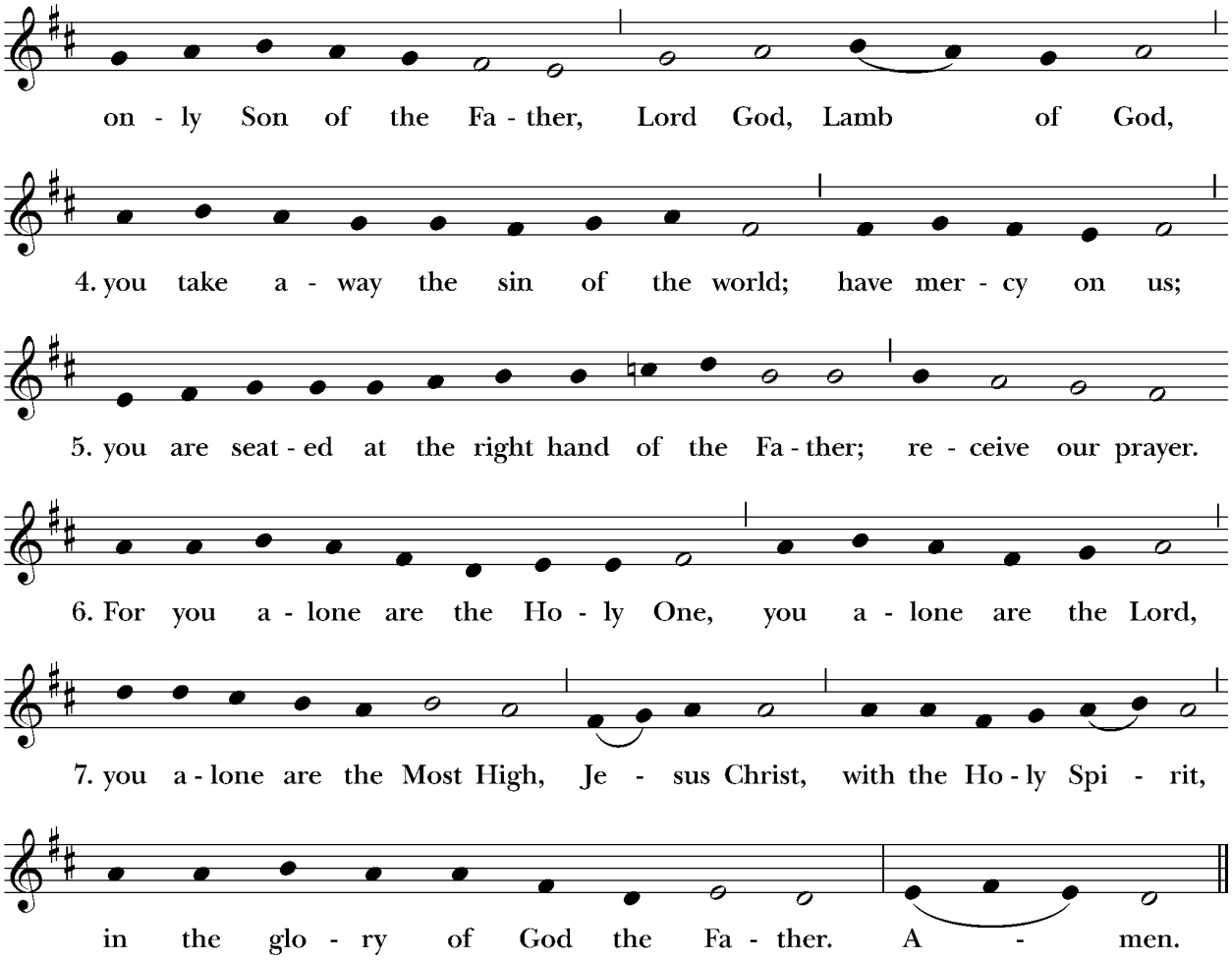
OPENING HYMN: ***Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (Helmsley)*** **(H 57)** ***(H = Hymnal)***

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

In unison: 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: ***Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Hurd)*** **(S 277)**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Celebrant: God 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. **Amen.**

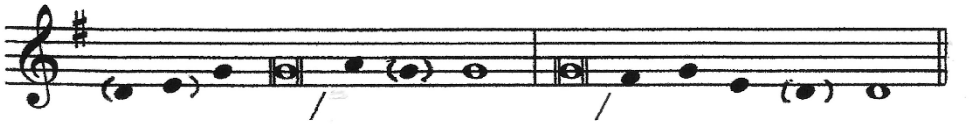
THE LESSONS
FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9
A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[1]O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2]as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80: 1-7, 16-18



The Choir begins; the Congregation responds with the verses in bold.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned u- / -pon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma- / -nasseh, *
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.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand, *
the son of man you have made so / strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn a- / -way from you; *
give us life, that we may / call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and / we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE INTROIT: ***O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel)*** **(H 56, V. 1 & 2)**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37
Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

[26]Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27]Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32]"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, 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, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SERMON

THE 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
The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: Creator of the stars in the sky, the sun, and the moon,
You are the light by which we wake and work.
People: **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**
Intercessor: Surround your church, her leaders, and people, with your armor of light. We pray especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our presiding Bishop; for Ruth, our bishop; for Roy, George and Jim, our clergy; for Charlie, our postulant. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope. Open their hearts to your will.
People: **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**
Intercessor: We pray for our leaders: especially Donald, our president; Henry, our governor; and the Congress and courts of this land. Savior of the nations, guide those who govern, and awaken those they lead, that we may all live in the spirit of cooperation and share so that all have enough: food, care, and peace.
People: **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**
Intercessor: For people across the world whose spirits bend under the yoke of oppression and struggle, give the people of this community a sense of togetherness and support. Open our eyes to those who fall by the wayside and whose faces and needs remain invisible.
People: **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**
Intercessor: Lover of our souls, you continue to mold us in your image and hold us in your hands. We ask your blessing on those who struggle with illness, anxiety, grief, or isolation. Today we pray for:
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.
St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Conway; The Rev. Kevin Sparrow, Rector in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.
Monica Orosz & Tom Vanderford in the Parish Cycle of Prayer.

People: **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**
Intercessor: Father of us all, we pray for those who have recently returned to your embrace and those who are broken with grief.

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

Celebrant 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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

THE PEACE
Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Hide Not Thou Thy Face - Richard Farrant (1530-1580)
Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure;
For we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.
- Psalm 27:10

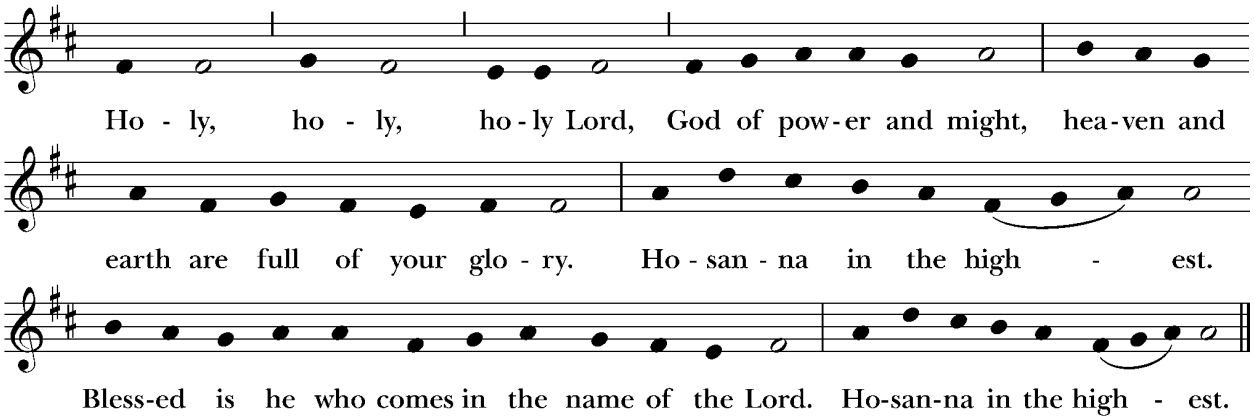
THE DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People:
SANCTUS: *Holy, holy, holy (Hurd)* (S 124)



The Celebrant continues.
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
Broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sims.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe you Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

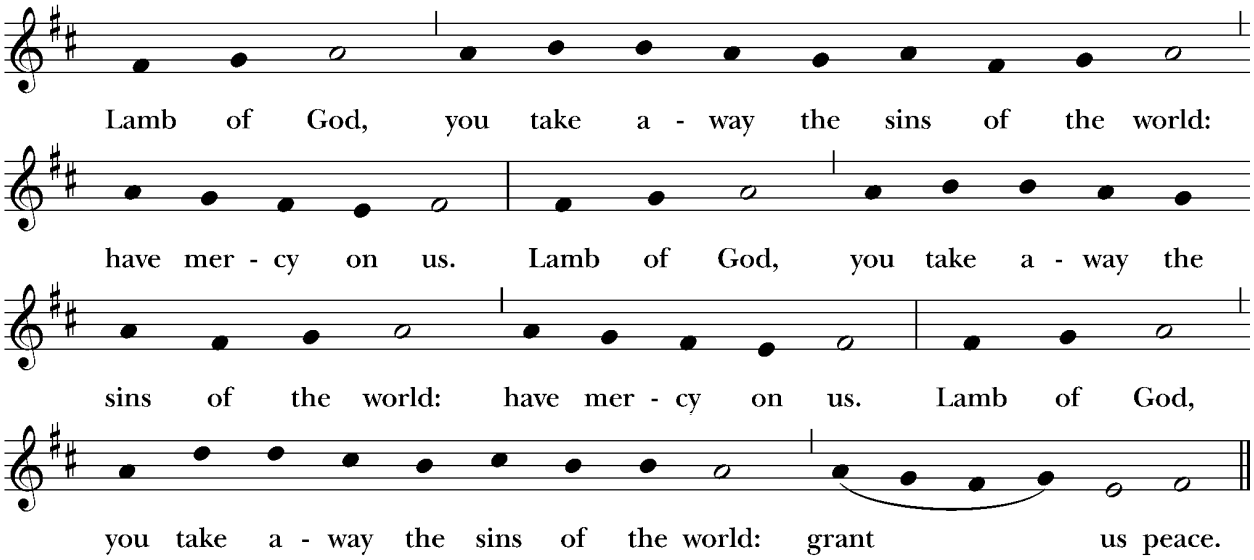
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM: ***Lamb of God (Hurd)*** **(S 161)**



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come to God's table where all are welcome.

> ***We welcome everyone at God's table.***
>
> *If you would prefer to come forward to receive a blessing in the place of the sacrament of bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Know that the grace of this Sacrament is fully present in both the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

DISTRIBUTION

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN: ***Watchman, tell us of the night (Aberystwyth)*** **(H 640)**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

TAIZÉ: Bless the Lord, My Soul *(sung three times; please stand at the third verse)*



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN ***"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us (Wachet auf)*** **(H 61)**

DISMISSAL

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

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

All are warmly invited to join us after worship
in our Church Center for fellowship and refreshments.



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WHO WE ARE

Vision Statement

The Church of the Messiah is an intentionally inclusive community called to love the Lord and to serve God's world in a spirit of reconciliation, hope, and healing.

Mission Statement

The Church of the Messiah follows Jesus through our liturgy and music while sharing the love of Jesus by serving the Myrtle Beach community.

The People of God are the ministers of this Church and are served by
The Bishop of South Carolina, the Right Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley,
and the Rev. Roy Tripp, Vicar.
They are also served by the Rev. George H. Welles, Jr.
and the Rev. James O. Craig III, Associates.

Our Vestry

Richard B. Stall, Sr. Warden
Monica Orosz, Jr. Warden
Kristi Burch, Member
Eileen Fairchild, Member
Chrissy Oppegaard, Member
Pat Patterson, Member

Peggy Kovacs, **Treasurer**

The Music Ministry is served by Dr. Charles Jones Evans.
The People of Messiah are also served by
Patty Tate**, Parish Secretary** & Chelsea Lesko, **Children's Leader.**

Love. Serve. Share.

C A L E N D A R 11.29.26

THIS WEEK. . .
Today, 10:00 a.m., Worship in the Church
Today, 10:00 a.m., Child Care & Children's Program in the Church Center

Following worship, join us in the Church Center for refreshments and fellowship.
Tuesday, 12:00 noon, Lunch with the Vicar, Advent series begins
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Jordan's Tuesday Evening Study *(weekly)*
Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Wednesday Women's Bible Study *(weekly)*
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

The Parish Secretary Patty will be out of the office through December 2.
Junior Warden Monica Orosz will be monitoring the email and voice mails.

LOOKING AHEAD. . .
December 6, Lessons & Carols, 10:00 a.m.
December 8, Lunch with the Vicar, 12:00 noon
December 24, Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 p.m. *(with child care)* and 6:00 p.m.
December 25, Christmas Day, Traditional Service at 10:00 a.m.

THOSE WHO SERVE. . .

	TODAY	**NEXT SUNDAY**
Vestry of the Day	Monica Orosz	Eileen Fairchild
Altar Guild	David Hardin	David Hardin
Greeter	Colin Burch	Charlie Myers
Readers	Gay Cooke Monica Orosz	Karen S, Eileen F, Chrissy O, Gay C, Carolyn P, Ann D
Intercessor	Ann Driscoll	Ann Driscoll
Acolyte	David Hardin Deb Whitaker	David H scheduling
Chalice Bearer	Deb Whitaker Monica Orosz	Deb Whitaker Eileen Fairchild
Flower Guild	Monica Orosz	Ann CJ
Refreshments	Kristi Burch	Cindy Craig
Live Stream	Kristi Burch	Kristi Burch

Honoring the Past

Rejoicing in the Present

Embracing the Future

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Today is the peak of our Stewardship season. We thank God for all He has given and done for us, our church, our community and our world. We show our gratitude in part by placing our pledge cards in the offering basket and asking him to bless them to be used to the glory of His name.

Our vestry members thank all who have pledged and all who are contemplating pledging. Your pledges allow the members of Messiah to continue to be the loving hands and feet of Christ.

WONDERING WHAT MEANINGFUL GIFT YOU CAN GET YOUR YOGA INSTRUCTOR? DOG WALKER? VICAR?



We have the answer: for a minimum donation of $20, you can present a Christmas Card acknowledging a donation you have made on their behalf to Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach through our long-standing partnership at Messiah. Helping Hand was organized by several local churches in 1971 with the mission to assist local families with immediate short-term needs such as food, rent, utilities and specialized services.

Please submit your check with “Holiday Gift” noted in the memo field.

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LUNCH WITH THE VICAR



Ever since its first publication in 1842, Charles Dickens, "Christmas Carol" has been a holiday classic. The legendary story of the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge from "Bah-humbug!" To "God bless us every one!" Is as much a part of Christmas as mistletoe and Santa.

This story is also a wonderful expression of redemption and hope. Which makes it a perfect study for Advent. Our four-part series will lead us to the manger outside of Bethlehem. Along the way we'll find hope, redemption, and transformation as we're guided by the Holy Spirit.

The class begins on Tuesday, December 1 at noon.
Come join us!

Angel of Hope Tree

Each year, we collect gifts to be given to vulnerable and foster children who need basic necessities as well as holiday gifts. Fostering Hope is a non-profit located in Conway. Gifts go to children in Horry County.

Choose a tag(s) from the tree in the back of the church & fill out the sign-up sheet. Keep the tag!
Bring the gift UNWRAPPED to the church, with the TAG ATTACHED to the bag or box.

FOSTERING HOPE

The mission at Fostering Hope is to provide basic necessities for children in crisis situations. Often times children in crisis situations have nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. These children may be in the process of starting over in a brand new environment. Taking on a child in need can be an overwhelming challenge. We aim to support resource families and help relieve some of the burden they assume when they welcome a child into their home and hearts.

www.fosteringhopeinc.com

M E M O R I E S

The Greening of the Church





Lighting of the Advent Candles



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Invite your friends, family & neighbors!

Both Lessons & Carols and our Christmas services tend to touch the hearts and souls of many which makes it a perfect time to invite visitors.



The Festival of Lessons & Carols
is a tradition of scripture, prayer and music with roots going as far back as 1880. Join us in this inclusive service that highlights hope, preparation and the promise of the Messiah.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.
child-centered with
child care available
6:00 p.m.
no child care;
candlelight service



Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.
no child care
traditional worship

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