



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

December 4, 2011—10:30 a.m.

Organ Voluntary on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers Wake, a Voice is crying)* J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn: No. 65, *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

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THE WORD OF GOD

Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Kyrie Eleison: S 91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer: who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades; when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Listening devices are available at the back of the church: Speak to one of the ushers for assistance. Respectful silence prior to the service is requested.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13



You have been gracious to your / land, O LORD,*
you have restored the good for/tune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people*
and blotted / out all their sins.

I will listen to what the LORD God is say/ing,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who / turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him,*
that his glory may / dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met to/gether;*
righteousness and peace have / kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the / earth,*
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant pros/perity,*
and our land will / yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go be/fore him,*
and peace shall be a / pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:8-15A

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: No. 67, *Comfort, Comfort Ye my People*

Psalm 42

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: The Reverend Gail E. Davis

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form III

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Prayer for a new Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: As the Darkness Waits the Dawn

Carl Schalk

At the Presentation: Hymn #380 (stanza 3)

Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord:

S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God S 164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Hymns: 680, 331

The Sending Out Prayer

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to *N* so that they may share with us in the food of our pilgrimage the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen

Postcommunion Prayer

Closing Hymn: No. 76, *On Jordan's Bank*

Dismissal

Organ Voluntary on *Toccatà in E minor*

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Winchester New

Johann Pachelbel

A Service Opportunity for the Parish

Christmas for Kids 2011

Children's Advocacy Center

This year we are gathering donations for individual children in the CASA, Hope House and Family Enrichment Services programs through the Children's Advocacy Center. Just select an ornament from the Christmas tree in the parish hall, purchase a gift for that particular child, and return it to Emmanuel by Wednesday, December 14.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Sunday Ministry

Lay Readers: Bill Prater, Josh White

Chalice Bearers: Anita Atkins, Heidi Brooks

Ushers: Chris Cornell, Mark Hutson

Eucharistic Visitors: Cindy Caldwell, Jess Stanford

Altar Guild: Team 1: Barbara Jackson, Eldra Stanford, Anita Adkins, Cindy Hutson, Kay Rork, Bryce Thieman, Eva Horton, Jane Jackson

Acolytes: 1st Crucifer – Taylor Polhemus

2nd Crucifer – Sloan Polhemus

Torch Bearer (Plates) - Scotty Caldwell

Torch Bearer (Missal) - Nicholas Neighbors

Prayer List

Those in Need of Healing: Kay Ellis, Angela Gray, Courtney Podschun, Elizabeth Martinez, Bill Armstrong, Clayton Taylor, Thomas Giley, Donna Boyd

Those who Have Died: Nick James Paul Stanford (brother of Jess Stanford)

Anniversaries of the Departed: Dr. Lloyd Hershberger, Milton Ray Pierce, Jr., Earl Hicks Bradberry, Mrs. Lucille Sloan Bradberry, Guy M. Ridgway

Wedding Anniversaries: Jon & Marilyn Aboussie Hay, Jr., Thomas & Catherine Spinks

Birthdays: Scotty Caldwell, Zach Pfluger

Pray for our Clergy: Katharine our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; Gail our Interim Rector, Bob our Pastoral Assistant; Gary our Deacon; Susanna our Seminarian, Jeff our Postulant for Holy Orders

Pray for our Government Officials: Barack our President, Rick our Governor, Alvin our Mayor.

And please remember those in need of our continued prayers: Nancy James (friend of Gail Camp) Kay Ellis, Brandy and Robin Ellis (daughters of Kay Ellis), Turner Doggett, Jeremy Holbert, Bob Miller, Kathy Turner, Gene Smith, Jeremy Holbert, Debra Tankey, James Lummus, Mel and Marie Layne (parents of Jan Ulrich), Felicia Benavidez, Allen Cunningham, Gayle Hershberger, Buddy Ingram, Michael Hagan (son of Mike and Wanda Hagan), Geri Denny, Jeannine McKee (mother of Carolyn McKee), Greg Schooley (friend of Jetty Davis), Vada Reynolds (friend of Jess & Glenda Stanford), John Powell, Aaron Nixon (grandson of Charles & Barbara Owens), Mary Manitzas, Janet Harris, Monte Noelke (Brother of Gretchen Noelke), Glenda Willingham (niece of Bobbie Ludwick), Pat Maier, Elton Fewell (Uncle of Becky Smith), Meg Taylor Vick, Joan Menzies (friend of Gretchen Noelke), Daniel Luraschi (son-in-law of Ervin & Veronica Silence), Callie Cochran, James Pullen, Milt Johnson, Calvin McArty, Carolina, Pat Aiken (friend of Jess & Glenda Stanford), Charles Ludwick, John Wernke, Lorene Knox (mother of Glenda Stanford), Elvina Brady, Sharon Farber, Louise Dermody, C.C. & Mary Louise Veltmann, Alvin Nored (father of Jean Cornell), Charlie Campbell, Susan McDaniel, Lynn Blankman, Frances Shackelford, for the departed: Brent Spence

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces at this time especially:

LCpl William Higgins, Shawn Bose, Jim Schatz

Announcements and Reminders

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH! If you are visiting we hope that you will return again and often, and make this your church home. You are invited to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the alms basin. You may also sign the Guest Register. Informational brochures are found at the entrance of the church. We are glad you are here!

ADVENT WREATH is given by The John Caldwell family in memory of Jolyn Caldwell.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Aboussie and John Hay in thanksgiving.

STEWARDSHIP AND 2011 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN A reminder, extra pledge cards can be found at the back of the church. You may change or amend your Pledge at any time during the year simply by notifying the office. Have a question about your pledge? Mtr. Gail Davis or Dr. Wehner (Treasurer) can gladly and confidentially assist you

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES: Adult Forum, Rm. 126 of the Kreps building starting at 9:15am. The class is reading and discussing *Strength for the Journey*, by Peter J. Gomes. Faith Matters, 9:30 in the library upstairs, open to all adults!

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th grade) meets in the undercroft from 4:00-5:30 Sunday evening.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL— 9:30a.m. Sr. High will meet in the undercroft kitchen with Max, Jr. High will meet in the undercroft with Karl and Elaine.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS: 5:30 Holy Eucharist; Dinner at 6 pm. Programs for the adults and youth at 6:45. Adult Bible Study, led by Fr. Bob and Garnett Teakell that meets in the Parlor is reading Luke, all are invited to join.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY led by Mother Gail is studying "Jonah" at 10am every Thursday morning in the Great Room. We look forward to welcoming new and former members to become a part of this special group of inquiring minds as we travel on our spiritual journey together.

PROJECT DIGNIDAD: Fill the black basket at the front of the church with dry or canned goods to help the emergency food pantry. All donations are blessed at the altar before taking them to P.D. Tax deductible donations are of course welcome and checks may be made to "Project Dignidad". Speak to Rebecca Duncan for more information and volunteer opportunities.

THE ADULT CHRISTMAS SUPPER SHARING will be held **next** Sunday, December 11th at 6:30 at the home of Dr. Norma Faubion 918 Ashford Drive. Co-hosts this year are Frank & Jo White and Jess & Glenda Stanford. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

END OF THE YEAR REPORTS DUE! It is that time of year again! All committees and organizations of Emmanuel are asked to submit an end of the year report for the Annual Parish Meeting taking place January 22. **REPORTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 16** Submit your end of the year report as an email attachment to our secretary: **reception-ist@emmanuel-sa.org** Reports submitted handwritten or in other forms will be included in the packet "as is". (Sorry, but we cannot retype your report for you.) If you have questions regarding your report please call the church office or speak with Mtr. Gail.

"GO GREEN & RECYCLE": thanks to a generous donation, Emmanuel Church is making more efforts to "GO GREEN". Please help us by putting any recyclables in the large black bins located near the Parish Hall. Go Green & Recycle does not require that we sort the recycling, so you can just drop it in one of the bins or the large green tote in the copy room. This is perfect for recycling Sunday bulletins, food wrappers and cans from meals, even the paper and plastic cups used during Courtyard Coffee. (Please note that they are not accepting styrofoam, yet.)

CHRISTMAS ART

Calling all children and youth of Emmanuel who love to draw! We want to see your original Christmas pictures.

You are invited to submit **ONE** original drawing based on the theme **"While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night"**. (See the bulletin board for instructions.) Please return your selection to Ms. Jane or place in the envelope located on the bulletin board. **All** drawings will be featured on one of our bulletin boards and **one** drawing will be the cover art for our Christmas Eve bulletin. **All pictures must be returned by Sunday, December 18!!**

Sound like fun?? Check the bulletin boards in the main building for more details!

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your comments and support.*