

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B**  
**December 20, 2020**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

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Rev. Tom Manney  
Lector-Wes Wagerster Eucharistic Minister-Neil Hargrave  
Music Director: Kitty Underwood

**The Word of God**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 7, 8 Hymnal H-56  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Insert

Opening Hymn "Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding" Hymnal H-59

Opening Sentence BCP 355  
Collect for Purity BCP 355

The Gloria BCP 356

The Collect of the Day BCP 211  
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.

**The Lessons**

2 Samuel 7:11, 16 Insert  
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Insert or BCP 713  
**Romans 16:25-27** **Insert**

Sequence Hymn "Tell Out my Soul" Hymnal H-438  
The Holy Gospel Luke 1:26-38 Insert

Sermon Rev. Tom Manney

The Nicene Creed BCP 358  
The Prayers of the People Form VI BCP 392  
"O Trinity of Love & Power" Insert  
Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360  
Announcements and Prayers

**The Holy Communion**

The Offertory "When Will the Little King Come?" Choir  
Music by Ruth Elaine Schram

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

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread  
Christ our Passover... BCP 364

"Agnus Dei" (sung)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us (Repeat)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us, grant us peace.



III *Ministration of Communion – Wherever you are in  
your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.*

Communion Reflection "Change my Heart O God" Praise P-16

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "Come thou Long Expected Jesus" Hymnal H-66

*The Dismissal – The Peoples' Response: Thanks be to God.*

FYI – BCP Book of Common Prayer (red book). H – Hymnal 1982 (blue book). HS – service music (first section) Hymnal 1982 (blue) P – Praise (green spiral bound). LEVAS – Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black).

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7, John 1:1-18 Psalm 147

Biblical Note: The **Archangel Gabriel** announced to Mary that she will be the mother of God’s son, Jesus. The Book of Daniel records that Gabriel helped Daniel to understand his visions, and Gabriel tells Zechariah of the coming birth of his son, John the Baptist.

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You may drop in or call (810)338-6332 to make an appointment.

**Home Visitations:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month – afternoons

**Senior Warden** – Becky Foster (Cell)810-358-3631

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**Clerk** – Neil Hargrave

**Vestry Members** –Tim Wright, Ina Dockham, Connie Ogg

**Treasurer**– John Malinich

**Bookkeeper/Secretary** – Roxanne Todd

**Music Director** – Kitty Underwood

**Acolytes** – Sherry Wagner

**Altar Care (Guild/Flowers)** – Kitty Underwood

**Card Ministry** – Kathy Wagester

**Linked Hearts** – Mary Cameron

**Teen Outreach** – Russ Underwood

**Prayer Circle** – Yvonne Malinich

**Prayer Shawls** – Dianne Bishop

**Usher**-John Malinich

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent wreath- the candle of **HOPE, PEACE** and **JOY**.

**Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE.**

Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also.

From the Gospel of John we hear:

*“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

*-John 13:34-35*

Let us pray together:

Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ’s footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus’ birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, you son, our Savior.

Amen

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B*

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in

their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

**Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26**

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim  
your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is  
established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the  
heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
\*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 "I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all  
generations."

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your  
faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the  
people.

- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my  
Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

### **Romans 16:25-27**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

### **Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**December 2020**  
**Prayer List: Family, Friends, and Members**  
**12/20/2020**

Derek & Maria Ames-Caretakers for Evelyn Sunich-Covid 19  
Nancy Bade-Friend of Margaret Smith-Successful knee surgery  
Dianne Bishop-Prayers for a good diagnosis and for healing  
Kyle Bishop - grandson of Dave Bishop - for healing  
Isaac-7-year-old grandson of a friend of the Buszek Family, for a  
Critical brain injury.  
Kathleen and Richard Buszek - for healing and care giving.  
Joe Childers-Friend of the Malinich's, For healing.  
Connie-Friend of Linda Neros-for continued good health  
Robin Daugherty-Prayers for healing  
Jonah Debusk-Heart murmur  
Danny DeLisa-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Recovering from Brain Tumor  
Bob & Sharon Deriemaecker-for comfort over the loss of their son  
Jace  
Rita Downing-Friend of Dianne Bishop- Liver Cancer  
Dzingle Family-Friends of Sherry Wagner-House fire  
C. Fay-Recovering from Brain Surgery  
Blake Ellen-from Wes Wagester; infant with cardiac problems  
Melissa Fettig - (Eleana's daughter), her lifetime partner  
Robert, and their daughter Harper - for peace.  
Steve & Karen Globowski-Friends of Margaret Smith-Strength and  
comfort as they deal with Steve's Dementia.  
Sally Granger - for healing and relief from pain.  
Judy Gray - for successful treatment of skin cancer.  
Mary Halfpenny - dear friend of the Miller's - cancer.  
Jane Harlow-For healing  
Leann Hessel-friend of Mary Cameron; Breast Cancer  
Bob Hollis-Friend of Sherry Wagner-Healing from diabetic infection  
Herman Houser-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Stomach Cancer  
Beth Huffman-Friend of Kitty Underwood; Brain Tumor  
Joe Janiga-friend of Wes Wagester, Entering Marine Boot Camp  
Rick Kerner-Friend of Wes- Recovering from Stroke  
Rich Kirsh-Friend of Sherry Petrie  
Chris Landis-Nephew John & Yvonne Malinich-for healing  
Justus Lengemann-Friend of Rev Tom-recovery from open heart  
surgery  
Gary Malhado - brother of Sue Thornton - for healing, strength,  
and peace.  
Kathy Navarro - sister of Eleana Fettig - for peace & healing.  
Rev. Ann Norton-for healing and strength  
Jerry Parka-Friend of Corinne Fry-Pancreatic Cancer  
Sarah Parks-Rector, Grace Lapeer-fighting cancer  
Ronnie Rappuhn-Friend of John & Yvonne for healing  
Austin Reed-friend of Connie Ogg, recovery from surgery &  
staph infection

Anne Shenck-Friend of Corrine-for healing  
Julia Shenck-Friend of Corrine Fry for healing  
Cindy Shimp-Becky Foster's sister-in-law-Healing of Cancer  
Kathy Shipp-for healing from cancer. Sherry Boyden's sister  
Jerry Spoonmore-Friend of Sherry Petrie  
Kari Stark - stepsister of Kitty Underwood - Comfort for MS.  
Elizabeth Colavincenzo Swan-Priest in Davison; Comfort over her loss.  
Rev. Nancy Steele-For healings from Skin Cancer  
Sally Thiede-Friend of Sherry Boyden-for strength & healing  
Sue Thornton - for peace.  
Kitty Underwood-for healing and strength  
Chris Velvero - nephew of the Millers - cancer is in remission.  
Wes Wagester- For healing.  
Mark Wagner-Successful Surgery  
James Walker-PTSD from 2 tours in Iraq  
Carl "Pete" Weidner - friend of Wagester's - for healing.  
Melanie White-Liver transplant  
Michaela Wolford-friends of the Wagester  
family as she recovers from an accident  
Tim Wright - Continued healing

**Our home parishioners:** Eleana Fettig and Harvey Taylor, Donna Lou Haynes, Evelyn Sunich, Helen Thiemkey,

**Those in Service to our country:** Dylan Anderson, Devin Black, John Hodgeman, John McNary, Glenn Miller, Jennifer Tedlie, John Eric Watson, Kyle Goodman, Ray Nairn, Jacquelyn Focarelli, Michael Focarelli, Jared Turnipseed, their families, Dr. Derrick Willsey, and all military chaplains.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul's Church, Greenville, Church of the Nativity, Boyne City.

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** For mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Community, including the mother's Union around the world.

**Offerings for 12/06/2020:** \$12,055.00 including \$10,000.00 for the roof repair fund.

**THIS WEEK:**

**Tuesday and Friday-**Office open 10:00-2:00

**Tuesdays at 4pm** through 12/22 Advent Class

**Wednesdays, 4pm-Bible Study**

**Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.** - AA in the parish hall

**Virtual Longest Night Worship Service**-Monday, Dec. 21, 7 pm

*Lesser Feasts & Fasts, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Katherina von Bora, Church reformer, 1552*