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The First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022  
10:00 am

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton  
The Very Rev. Mark Delcuze, Rector  
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music  
Jane Ford, Family Ministry Coordinator  
Brenda Faulkner, Parish Administrator

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

Prelude

“Reflection on an Ancient Plainsong”

arr. Ryan

Welcome

The Rt. Rev. James J. Shand

+Processional Hymn

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## +Opening Sentences

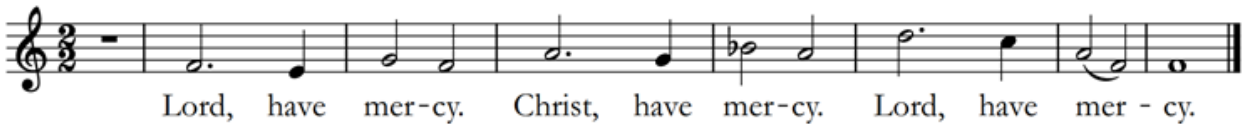
*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

## +Collect for Purity (said by all)

**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



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## +The Collect of the Day

*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. **Amen.****

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

Psalm 122

*Read responsively by verse*

- 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 Epistle**

Romans 13:11-14

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

O day of peace that dimly shines

*Introduction*



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -  
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's  
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the



prom - ised reign of peace.  
earth shall know the (Lord.)

*Final Ending*



Lord.

## +The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

*Please turn to face the Celebrant*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ**

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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ**

## The Homily

The Rt. Rev. James J. Shand

## +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 V

*Deacon or other leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Santosh our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially Joseph our President and Larry our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors, especially those we remember silently or aloud <PAUSE>; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## +Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and 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

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ 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

### The Offertory

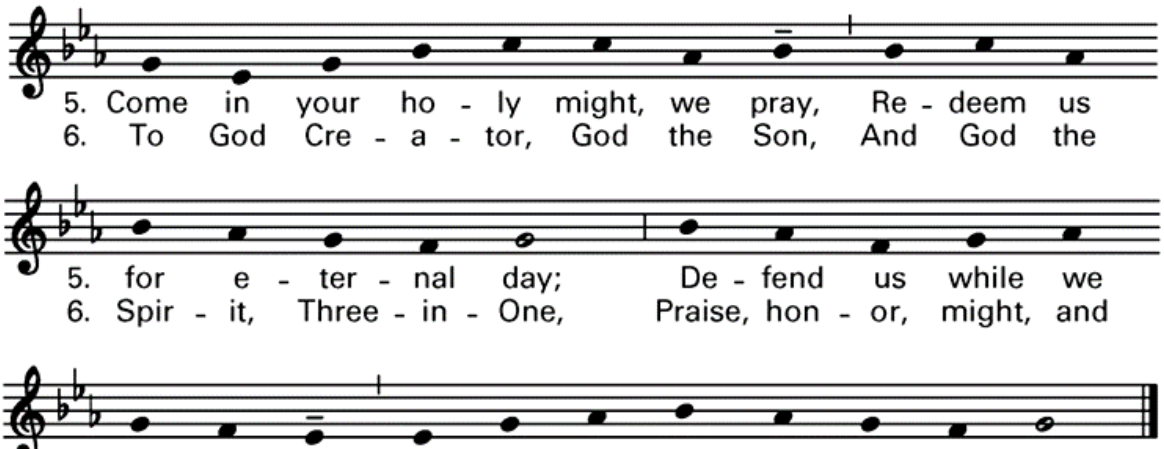
“Soon and Very Soon”

arr. Crouch/arr. Schrader

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; Hallelujah!  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King; Hallelujah!

*text by Andraé Crouch*

## Offertory Response



5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us  
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the

5. for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we  
6. Spir - it, Three - in - One, Praise, hon - or, might, and

5. dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.  
6. glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

### +The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of  
 power and might. Heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glo - - - -  
 - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -  
 est! Blest is the one who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!

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*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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

### +Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### +Fraction Anthem



*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Anthem

### +Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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

### Announcements

### +Recessional Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

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### +Dismissal

*The Celebrant dismisses them with these words*

Let us so forth in the Name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

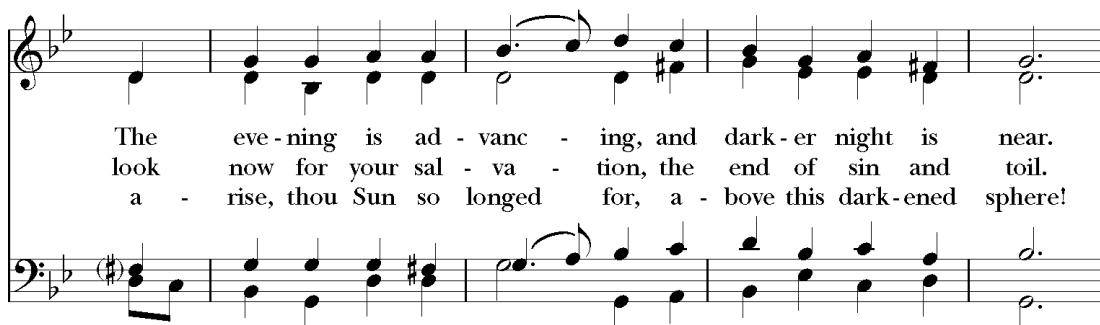
*A special thank you to The Rev. James J. Shand, our Celebrant and Preacher today.*

+Recessional Hymn

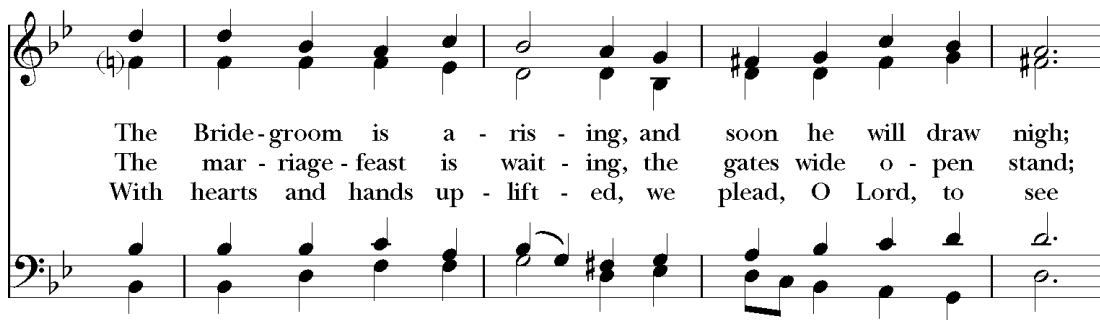
Rejoice! Rejoice, believers



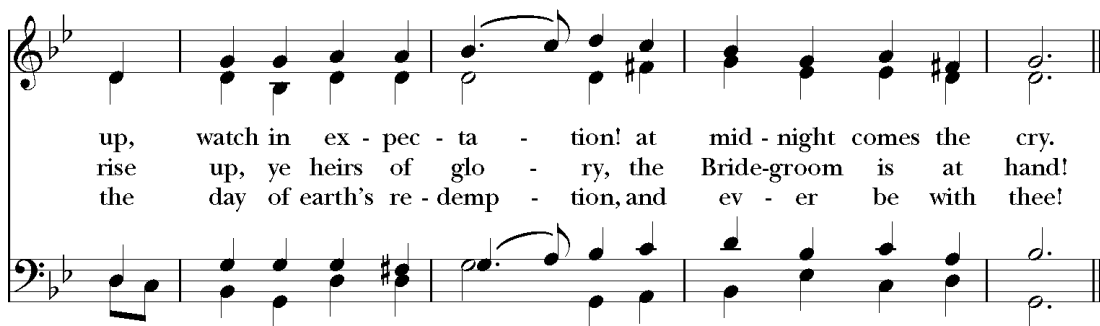
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!



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FAMILY  
MINISTRY



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**THIS DECEMBER**

AT CHRIST CHURCH

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12/4 5:30-7 PM

ADVENT STORYTIME- EVERY  
SUNDAY AFTER 10 AM SERVICE

YOUTH GROUP- 7 PM EVERY  
SUNDAY



**DECEMBER 24 | 4 PM**

**CHRIST CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS  
PAGEANT**

**Please pray for:** Robin Pender, Pat Miller, Shelia Savage, Donna Roland, Erika Roof, Anneliese Jones, Dot Deren, Martin Kearney (RIP)-Betsy Francis, William C. Gussin (RIP), Camilla Parrott (RIP)-Parrott Family, Martha C., Sharon McCain, Phillip Taylor, Gillian Ferguson, Don Woloff, Rev. Frank Adams (RIP)-Bunny & Family, Maurice Spedden, Bud Rys (RIP)-Lois & Family, Sandra & Toddy, Gina Maloney, Jason Parks (RIP)-Parks Family, Theresa & Alain, Michael Blachly, Bishop San, Robin (RIP)-Shand/Esposito Family, Linny Sherbert, Tom H, Richard Thomas, Ian Watson, Bob Lipsner, Karen Burns, Paul Ewell, Edie Kyle, Tommy Rosnage, Becky Delcano, Lynn Christensen, Steve G., Lenny & Emmy, Fr. Mark Delcuze, Sarah Love, John Love, Cindy Love-Thierry, Kasey Sharrow

**Prayer Requests can be sent to [prayer@cepci.org](mailto:prayer@cepci.org)**

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If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving for someone special in your life with a flower offering for Christmas, please place your order today by filling out this slip and placing it in the offering plate.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SAVE THE DATES!**

### **The Westminster Ringers**

**7:00 p.m.** Saturday, December 10th

### **SERVICE FOR THE LONGEST NIGHT**

**5:00 p.m.** Sunday, December 18th

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Saturday, December 24th

**4:00 p.m.** Family Communion Service with a “Pick-Up Pageant”

**9:00 p.m.** Festive Communion Service with Choir and Candles

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

Sunday, December 25th

**10:00 a.m.** Christmas Communion and Blessing of Toys!

### **Serving In Person Today**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike & Ruthanne Herold

**Lectors:** Carol Katrinic, Keith Fulmer

**Acolytes:** Christopher Buckingham, Isabelle Slavin, Katie Schaefer

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