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The First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2025  
10:00 AM

The Rt. Rev'd James J Shand, DD, Assisting Bishop of Easton  
The Rev'd Frank B Crumbaugh III, Priest-in-Charge  
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music  
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## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Nursery Care and Sunday School for children are available weekly during the 10 a.m. service in the Wiggle Worship Room, through the open door on the left side of the worship area. Activity/Coloring Tables are also available for children in the rear of the church.

To find restrooms and water fountains, exit the church through the rear doors and turn right. The restrooms and water fountains will be on your right before you exit the narthex.

A hearing-assist system and large-print bulletins are available. Please see an usher to request either of these items.

Our 10 a.m. Eucharist Service is live-streamed each Sunday. You can view the services on our website or our YouTube channel.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the narthex after the service

### Serving Today

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bob Rosekrans, Leslie Schneider

**Lectors:** Helen Vansant, Julie Ranelli

**Ushers:** Ron McCready, Laurelle McCready

**Acolytes:** Logan Rosekrans, Landon Rosekrans, Vivian Dorsey

**Altar Guild:** Maria Jones, Becky Myers, Nancy Link

**Counters:** Liza Hamill, Leslie Schneider

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

Welcome

Prelude

“Reflection on an Ancient Plainsong”

Ryan

+Processional Hymn    Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal #57

+Opening Sentences

*Celebrant*        Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*        And blessed be God’s Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

+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

(Organ)

Lord,

have      mer - cy.      Christ,      have

mer - cy.      Lord,      have      mer - cy.

+ Please stand as able



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.

## **+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

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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."

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

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**

Soon and very soon

**Pg. 7 of Bulletin****+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**

# +Sequence Hymn

## Soon and very soon

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

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 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



## **+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 Six**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For an end to violence in Ukraine, Syria and Lebanon, Israel and Palestine, Yemen and the Horn of Africa; for all refugees; for peace in this community, the nation, and the World; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who will be born today and all who will die today; for all who live out of doors by no choice of their own, for those who have little or nothing to eat and those who have no work; for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For *Sean* our Presiding Bishop, *Bud* our Bishop, and *Frank* our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader 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 or a suitable Collect.*

*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 Anthem

“Creation Will Be at Peace”

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In the holy mountain of the Lord, all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,  
Their young will play together; a little child will lead.  
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more; a child will lead them all.  
(Isaiah 11:6-9, adapted by J. Paul Williams)

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### Offertory Response

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**  
**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**  
**If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;**  
**Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**  
(hymnal #112, stanza 4)

### +The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

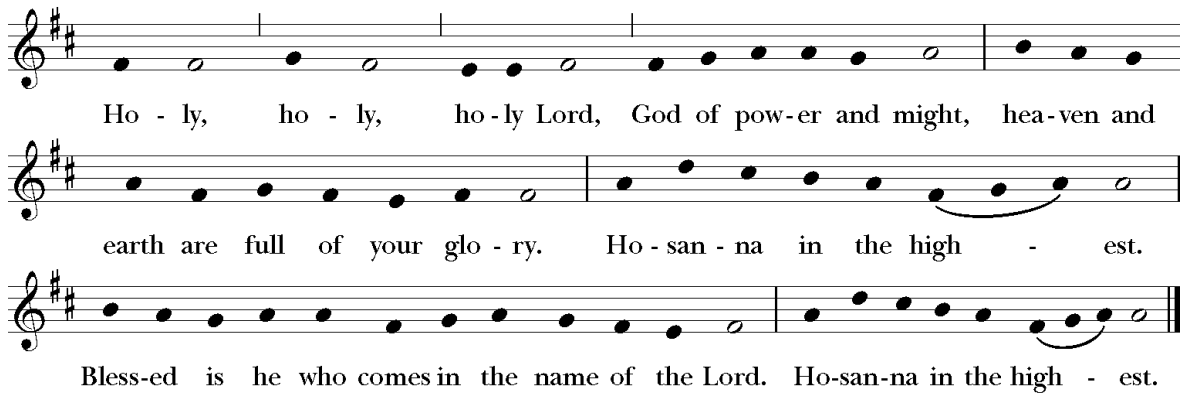
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:



*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:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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 forever.  
**AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

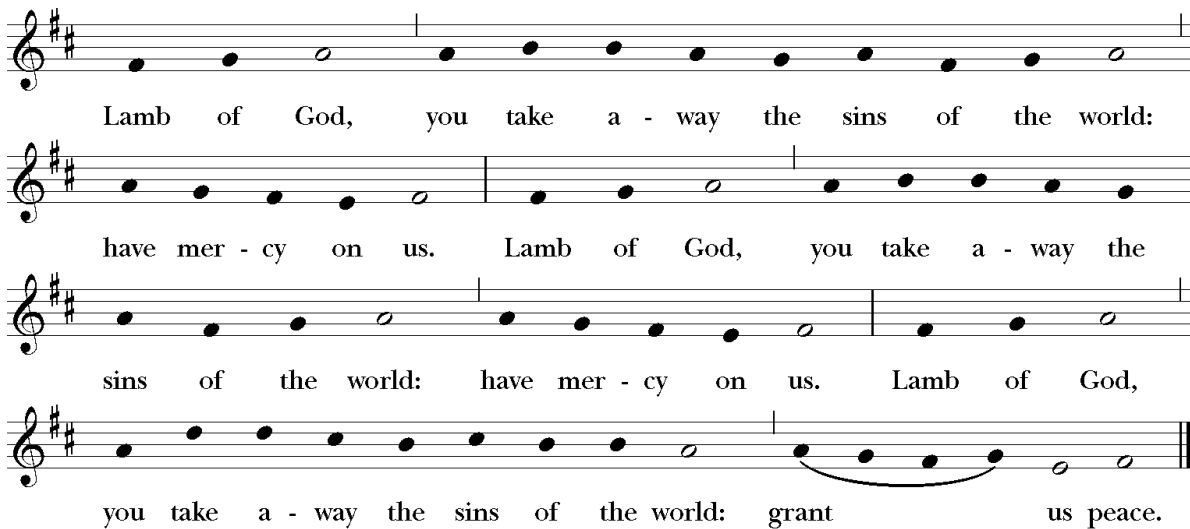
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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.*

*Then may be sung*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Communion Hymns

Jesus came, adored by angels  
Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

**Hymnal #454**  
**Hymnal #617**

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,  
bowed with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer,  
sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,  
pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,  
to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,  
lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,  
let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.  
al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.  
al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.



1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round  
 2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,  
 3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,

of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,  
 one in the love of all things sweet and fair,  
 thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;

guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found  
 one with the joy - tions that break - eth in - to song,  
 our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;  
 one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;  
 we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;



rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be  
one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free  
give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;



guid - ed and strength-ened and up - held by thee.  
to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.  
e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.



## 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 forever. Amen.**

**+Blessing**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**+Recessional Hymn**

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

**Hymnal #68**

**+Dismissal**

*The Celebrant dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**+Postlude**

“People, Look East”

Aber

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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!



# Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving for someone special in your life with an offering toward the purchase of Christmas flowers to adorn the church, please fill out this flower memorial slip and place it in the offering plate prior to Dec 15th. Please include "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line.

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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

### The First Sunday of Advent

#### TODAY!

Wiggle Room & Sunday School for all young children at 10:00  
Christmas Children's Choir rehearsal today after Communion  
Choir Rehearsal: 11:25 a.m. in the Choir Room  
Youth Group: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

#### SCHEDULED MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Education for Ministry: Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.  
Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids: Thursday at 8:30 a.m.  
**Pledge Campaign Celebration:** Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Shand Hall

Soup & Salad Prep: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
Contact Lindy to volunteer: [soupgroupies@gmail.com](mailto:soupgroupies@gmail.com)  
Soup/Salad Pick-up: Tuesday 2:30 – 5:30 & Friday 11:30 - noon

AA: Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday 2:00 p.m.  
AA Women's Book Study: Friday at 6:30 p.m.  
Al-Anon: Friday at 7:30 p.m.

#### PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



#### Advent Devotionals Are Now Available

Please visit the table in the narthex to get this year's devotional books as well as other Advent related items.

- Christmas Eve: Dec 24<sup>th</sup>- 4:00 p.m. Family Service  
8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir
- Christmas Day: Dec 25<sup>th</sup>- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> - **ONE** service at 10 a.m.
- Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup>- **ONE** service at 10 a.m.

**2026 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN**



**Thank you so much** to the individuals and families who have already pledged over \$260,000 to church operations in 2026 - 92% of our pledge goal!

**Please plan to join us this Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> for our Pledge Campaign Celebration!!**



**The Haven Ministries Emergency Shelter is open, and our parish helps with this vital ministry by providing food for shelter guests.**

**We need volunteers to bring dinner on December 21, 22 and 23!**

Bring a casserole (cooked & ready to serve in foil pan), salad (bagged salad is fine), bread, and dessert (optional) to the kitchen door at Kent Island Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

**Contact Leslie Schneider (410-310-4085) [lschneider3@msn.com](mailto:lschneider3@msn.com)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES**

**SAVE THE DATE and HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!**

### **QUEEN ANNE'S CHORALE HOLIDAY CONCERT**

The Queen Anne's Chorale will present a "Classic Christmas" concert **Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at TPAC at Chesapeake College**. Several of our choir members will be singing! Come hear holiday favorites performed by the Chorale including selections from Handel's *Messiah*! Purchase tickets by visiting [qachoral.org](http://qachoral.org).

### **WESTMINSTER RINGERS CONCERT**

The Westminster Ringers, an auditioned handbell ensemble, will return to Christ Church to present a free Christmas Concert on **Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Invite a friend to join you and come see and hear these advanced musicians play more than 200 bells, chimes, and percussion instruments in an event that has become a seasonal favorite of the Kent Island community.

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**