

St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 3:1-2 (RSV)

Welcome to St. Augustine's

A special welcome to those who are visiting via our on-line service. We welcome the addition of your praise and thanks to God this day. If you are seeking a church home, you are welcome here.

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*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.
(The voices of small children are always welcome!)*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

PRELUDE

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Sharon Lewis, Church Accompanist

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OPENING SONG

His Name Is Wonderful

His name is wonderful His name is wonderful His name is wonderful Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, master of everything. His name is wonderful Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great shepherd, the rock of all ages, almighty God is He!
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him; His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

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THE WORD OF GOD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Crucifer moves to the Advent wreath to light two candles. The congregation sings the hymn "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah."

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah,
Let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.
- 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them home ward.

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Priest ☩ Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP p.323

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium*

BCP p. 685

Reader Please read today's Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

All **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

Reader A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

HYMN NO. 75

- 1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod: Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!
- 2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing! Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King. Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay, the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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HYMN NO. 75

3 but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, the lambs he’ll gently hold; to pastures of peace he’ll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt. Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

THE HOMILY

Fr. Dan Wagner

THE NICENE CREED

Priest Let us stand and affirm our faith saying together the Nicene Creed:

People **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 Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Intercessor Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love;

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Dan our Priest, and Chris our Deacon, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our president, Henry our governor, and Rick our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world;

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty;

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor

those in need of thy mercy and grace. We pray especially for *N.N.* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants ✠ departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Roger Morenc*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.**

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

After exchanging the peace, the Minister may offer this or some other suitable offertory sentence.

Priest Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

HYMN NO. 81

St Augustine's Music Team

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DOXOLOGY

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

HYMN NO. 380 v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Author: Thomas Ken (1674) Tune: *Old 100th* from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS

HYMN NO. S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The bell is rung.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who

made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The bell is rung.

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

The bell is rung.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled ✠ with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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People **Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

A short silence is kept and then the Fraction Hymn is sung by all.

THE FRACTION

HYMN NO. S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Fr. Dan receives communion. Then, at the direction of the ushers, the people will come forward to receive communion or a blessing. We will use the full altar platform, please allow some distance between groups. Fr. Dan will place the host in your hands. You may consume the host and then drink from the Chalice. Or, receive the host and when the Chalice is brought to you, please dip your host into the wine and consume your host. Please do not touch the chalice. Gluten-free hosts are available.

COMMUNION HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel

HYMN NO. 56

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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COMMUNION SONG

Take Our Bread

Refrain Take our bread, we ask You; take our hearts, we love You; take our lives, O Father; we are Yours, we are Yours.

- 1 Yours as we stand at the table You set. Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget. We are the sign of Your life with us yet; we are Yours, we are Yours.
- 2 Your holy people standing washed in Your blood. Spirit filled yet hungry, we await your food. We are poor but we've brought ourselves the best we could; we are Yours, we are Yours.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Priest Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.**

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Priest The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

We All Are One In Mission

- 1 We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 We all behold one vision, a stark reality: the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree. Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share free reconciliation and hope amid despair.
- 4 Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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THE DISSMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated for our Annual Meeting.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers are omitted in Advent and Lent.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2022

If you wish to contribute to Christmas flowers to decorate the church over the Christmas season, please complete this order form and return it to the church office, give it to an usher, or give it to Raina Knudsen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME DEACON CHRISTINE GREGORY!

Today, we welcome into our Church Family, The Rev. Deacon Christine Gregory. Our Bishop, with the consent of Fr. Dan and the Mission Team, has assigned Deacon Chris to St. Augustine of Canterbury. We look forward to doing much ministry with Deacon Chris. Please welcome her into our midst. We will get to know her and her family over the coming weeks and months. Welcome Deacon Chris!

QUARTERLY OUTREACH

The Salvation Army of Aiken was selected as our 4th quarter Outreach focus ministry. They provide temporary shelter and services to meet basic needs when individuals fall on hard times and have nowhere left to go. In addition to food assistance and shelter for the homeless, the Salvation Army also provides Boys and Girls club after school programs, and holds weekly worship services. They are currently faced with a difficult financial situation due to increased needs, and ask for our prayers and generosity.

We are collecting the following items: mayonnaise, salt/pepper, Vienna sausages, instant mash potatoes, canned tuna, saltine crackers, paper plates, paper towels, bathroom tissue.

IN-PERSON INSIDE WORSHIP UPDATE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 23

We have updated our worship requirements, as based on the health situation for our community. We will:

- Stay at home and rest if ill. Please let Fr. Dan know your situation so he and Deacon Chris can provide the appropriate pastoral care.
- Not require masks at this time.
- Receive Holy Eucharist in both kinds by either intinction or by eating the bread and drinking wine from the common chalice. We may still receive Eucharist in one kind only; and receiving one kind is still receiving a Full Communion.
- If attending a service and later become sick, and tested for the Corona Virus, and test positive, alert Fr. Dan immediately.

FELLOWSHIP

Today

Anne Kelty

December 11

Joan Donnelly

December 18

Terri Rothe

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 14-Dec.12

Toys for Tots

Today

Annual Meeting

December 10

Christmas Card Class, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM

December 11

Advent Lessons and Carols Service

December 15

Blue Christmas Service, 6 PM

December 18

Breakfast/Military Retreat at Gravatt Camp

December 24

Christmas Eve Service, 6 PM

December 25

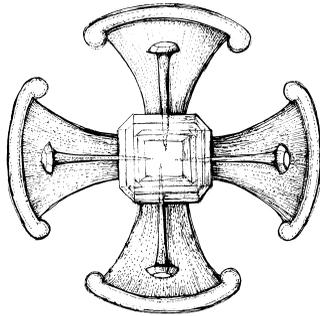
Christmas Day Service, 10 AM (no music)

December 31

Soup Kitchen at St. Thaddeus, 9 AM

January 1

Feast of The Holy Name Service, 10 AM (no music)



PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY DECEMBER 4, 2022

We remember these people in prayer:

Residents & Staff of Silver Bluff Grove
Residents & Staff of Benton House
Bob Bradford
Benjamin Williams Al Snell
Gavin Jim Carloni
Nancy Smith Isabel Jackson
Danny Walker Jamie Knudsen
Christine Carolan Kaila
Kyle Melissa & Justin Rodger
Elder Family William "Woody"
Abbott Family Miskelly
Sue Thielemann-Freschi Christian
Julia John Donnelly
Eddie George Susan Sadler
Donavan Bryan
Krysten Diane Dowling
Lindie Lassiter Baby Jack
Maddie Jack Mullin
Cheryl Eli and Family
Elizabeth Chris Beechler
Linda & Kent Elkins David Turno
Joshua Bill Marburg
Cheryl Mehta Jim Keenan
Danny Dorothy Gillespie
Jessi George Joan Benedict
Ellen Albright Donnie Janca
Derek Spector Craig Smith
Maggie Sacks
Berardina Centofanti
Mark Thrapp
Dawna Marinosci
Anthony DeStefano
Joan Insana
Victims of Domestic
 Abuse
Chip Stringer
Diane Padgett
Jean Tilt
Laura Gilliam
James Coleman
Anna Winch
Dot Brown
Nancy Perrino

Please contact the Church
· **To add a name to the**
 perpetual prayer list
· **To remove a name when**
 prayers have been
 answered
· **To add names to other**
 lists on this page or
 to make corrections

We pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

1 Mabel Nicholson
1 Neva Page
2 Dr. Bolin
2 Juanite Malloy
3 Harry Knuff
4 Clarene Tankersley
6 George W. Greene
7 Betty Goetsch
8 David Carney
9 Jim Cochran
10 Nellie Cornogg
10 Edward C. Drake
12 James Harter
13 T. H. Allen
15 MaryLu Graves
17 William Coleman
19 Nell Loftin
20 Jim Pollard
20 Doug Walpole
21 Gerry Girdauskas
22 Adris H. McNeely
23 Jonathan Moor
23 Ab Allen
23 Charles "Chip" Lampley
23 Brian Bates
24 William E. Sommer
26 Dewitt Bellamy
29 Mildren Hogel
30 MalColm Barren

We pray for those celebrating birthdays:

8 Larry Brown
13 Stephanie Kissiah
14 Val Miles
18 Debbie Bradford
22 Nathan Jones

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:

3 George & Patty Walker
8 Johnnie & Stephanie Kissiah
18 Eddie & Johnetta George
21 Marty & Karen Scharf

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Weekly Worship and Study Schedule

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

Spiritual Direction and Confession available by appointment.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

We welcome all newcomers to St. Augustine of Canterbury! We greet our visitors when on campus. You will find warm and friendly faces are present to answer your questions and help you to feel welcome. They can respond to any questions you many have about our church. We can also assist you in getting further involved in the church by connecting you with the right people in the area in which you are interested, such as Outreach, Music, Fellowship, Christian Education, and other ministries.