

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

“A community of faith seeking to love and serve in the Spirit of Jesus Christ”



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024

10:45 a.m.

*The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
724 Pilgrim Mill Road * Cumming, Georgia 30040
770-887-8190 * www.ecohs.net*

Welcome to Our Parish

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today. If you would like to learn more about life here at Holy Spirit, please fill out a welcome card found in your row and join us for fellowship, coffee, and refreshments after the service. You may also find more information by calling the church office at 770-887-8190, or by visiting our website at www.ecohs.net.

Communion

All baptized people of all ages and church backgrounds are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. Gluten-free wafers are available, just ask when the bread is presented to you.

Christian Formation

Children: On Sundays, ECOHS offers spiritual formation for children 4 years old through 5th grade. We look forward to our weekly time together where we follow the lectionary, most often centering our lesson on the Gospel of the week. Sunday School meets downstairs in the preschool area at 9:30 am.

Contact Julie Wilson: jwilsonjat@gmail.com

Youth: Youth Group meets Sundays at 9:30 am downstairs in the Youth Room.

Contact Shannon David: youth@ecohs.net

Adults: Adult Sunday School led by The Rev. Brandon Mozingo, meets weekly in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.

Nursery and Toddler Care

Children's Nursery: We have a nursery available for children - newborn through age 4. We have two volunteers available weekly. The Nursery is located downstairs in the preschool area.

Our Ushers

Our ushers are always glad to be of assistance, including answering questions, giving directions to the rest rooms, church school, and nursery.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Voluntary

“Une Jeune Pucelle”

L. Gebhardt

Hymn # 76

On Jordan's banks, the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The family says

The Second Candle of Advent is Love. Its light is the burning hearth of home that draws us eternally to itself. In its light we are complete. In its heat we are fulfilled. In its warmth we belong.

They light the first candle.

Canticle of Love, based on St. Therese of Lisieux

How great and tender is our God, who has smiled on the lowly.*

Eternally my heart will sing a new canticle of love.

Come, all who hunger, all who thirst, all who long for fulfillment.*
The God of mercy waits for you as a mother her child.

O come to the living water, fear not your weakness.*
Forever trusting in God's merciful love.

Through the shadows of this night, love will be my guiding light.*
Presence hidden from my sight, 'til the clouds are put to flight.

Beneath your gaze I've blossomed forth, as a rose in the sunshine.*
With joyful heart I've given all to the mystery of love.

In peace I will come before you with empty hands,*
relying solely on your merciful love.

Through the veil your face appears, beauty shrouded, bathed in tears.*
Bread of sinners I will share, rose unpetalled everywhere.

Ah! My God, I will sing of your love for this one eternal day.*
For this one eternal today, eternal today.

Transformed in Love's consuming fire, lifted up in glory.*
Her fragrance filling all the earth, drawing us after her.

Until, in eternity we join in one chorus.*
Forever singing of God's merciful love.

Canticle of love, song of love.*
This eternal day I will sing, sing of your love.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

A prayer of St. Augustine

Look upon us, O Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
vanish before the beams of your brightness.
Fill us with holy love,
and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.
All our desire is known to you,
therefore perfect what you have begun,
and what your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek your face,
turn your face to us and show us your glory.
Then shall our longing be satisfied,
and our peace shall be perfect. Amen.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

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.**

Trisagion S100

Holy God

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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Blessed be the Lord, the God of / Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them / free.

He has raised up for us a mighty / savior, *
born of the house of his servant / David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our / enemies, *
from the hands of all who / hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our / fathers *
and to remember his holy / covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father / Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our / enemies,

Free to worship him without / fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our / life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most / High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his / way,

To give his people knowledge of sal / vation *
by the forgiveness of their / sins.

In the tender compassion of our / God *
the dawn from on high shall break u / pon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of / peace.

Glory 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. A / men.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

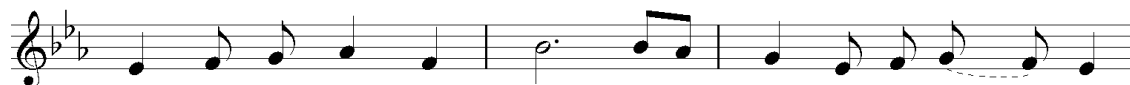
I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a—
 2 O— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God— en - du - reth, the—



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst— of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The—
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they— per - ish, like
 feed his— flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our— God— may go!
 na - tions shall— pass like a dream— a - way;
 lead them, and— bring them— safe to his fold.

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Brandon Thomas Mozingo

A period of silence is kept after the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

BCP 392

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 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 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, and Robert our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

I ask your prayers for those on our Parish Prayer List.

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.

We remember those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week.
We remember those celebrating birthdays this week.
We remember those celebrating anniversaries this week.

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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 Celebrant continues

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 the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory
Musical Offering

“He Shall Feed His Flock”
Soloist: Jeanie Lipscomb

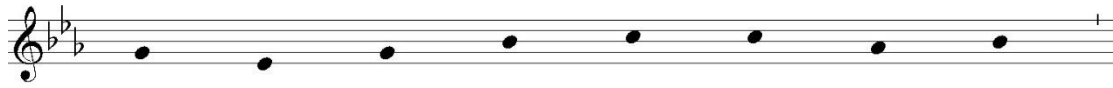
G.F. Handel

The Presentation

Hymn # 60 (vs. 4-6 only)

Creator of the stars at night

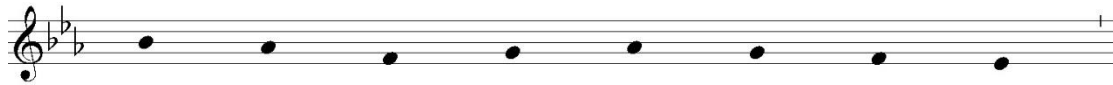
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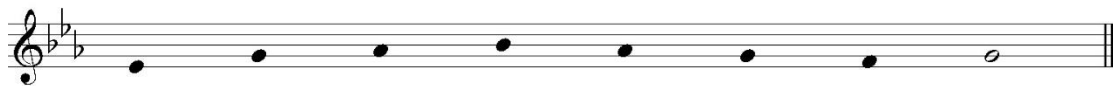
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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 him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S124

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

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Fraction Anthem S-161

Agnus Dei

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.

Celebrant

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.

Choral Offering

“Lost in the Night”

Finnish Folk Carol

Communion Hymn # 314

Humbly I adore thee

Adoro Te Devote

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

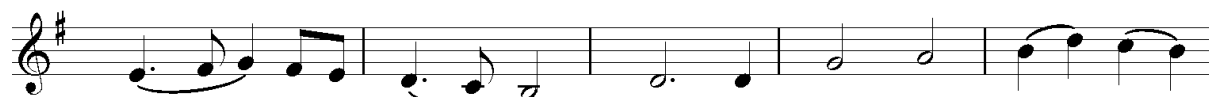
The Blessing



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 Dismissal

Closing Voluntary

“Noel Dialogue sur Le Grand Jeu

C. Daquin

The greenery on the altar is given to the glory of God.

BISHOP – The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright
RECTOR – The Rev. Brandon Thomas Mozingo

Vestry

SENIOR WARDEN– Jay Franklin
JUNIOR WARDEN – Bob Hitch
Melinda Carey • Jeri Ellis • Janet McDermott • Cathy Middleton
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YOUTH MINISTER – Shannon David

Father Brandon is available to meet in person on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, by appointment. On Mondays he is available via phone or Zoom, by appointment. He would love to meet with you about any pastoral needs, theological questions, or simply to get to know each other better.

Today’s Ministers

Altar Guild – **Carol Weiss, Kay Stine**
Flowers – **Advent Greenery**
Coffee Hosts- **TBD 8:30,**
Carmen Smith 10:45
Lectors –**Sheila Smith, Sue Ellen Williams 8:30**
Emile Foisy, Becky Hitch 10:45
EM –**Sheila Smith 8:30**
Russ McClelland 10:45
Intercessors –**Sheila Smith 8:30**
Janet Pfaff 10:45
Ushers – **TBD 8:30**
Sandra Culver, Emile & Sand Foisy 10:45
Vergers –**Debbie Onderko 8 :30, Janet McDermott**
10 :45
Crucifer –**Sheila Smith 8:30, Russ McClelland 10:45**
Oblation Bearers- **TBD 8 :30**
TBD 10 :45
Acolytes – **N/A**
Children’s Chapel – **Shannon David**
Broadcast – **Meg Davenport, Violet David**
Vestry Person of the Day – **Bob Hitch**
Nursery –**Hally Krogh**
Counter – **Kathy Sloan**
Monday Counter – **Donna Kukarola**

Next Sunday’s Ministers December 15, 2024

Altar Guild – **Jill Hayes, Laura Castrillon**
Flowers – **Advent Greenery**
Coffee Hosts- **TBD 8:30,**
Melissa Roehm 10:45
Lectors –**Linda Walker 8:30**
Shannon David, Stephanie Eckert 10:45
EM –**Linda Walker 8:30**
Shannon David 10:45
Intercessors –**Linda Walker 8:30**
Kathy Gibson 10:45
Ushers – **TBD 8:30**
Sandra Culver, Julie Ford,
Jacquelyn Kenton 10:45
Vergers –**Joanie Anderton 8:30, Shannon David 10 :45**
Crucifer –**Linda Walker 8:30, Jack Kashin 10:45**
Oblation Bearers- **TBD 8 :30**
TBD 10 :45
Acolytes – **N/A**
Children’s Chapel – **TBD**
Broadcast – **The McKennas**
Vestry Person of the Day – **Cathy Middleton**
Nursery –**Judie Borden**
Counter – **Marina Slemmons**
Monday Counter – **Midge Printz**