Church of the Holy Trinity

November 29, 2026
The First Sunday in Advent

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Prelude

Entrance Hymn *Savior of the nations, come*
Hymnal 54

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We come to witness a miracle.
We sing the miracle of God's steadfast love.
New life bursts forth in unexpected ways.
We shout the good news: God's covenant endures forever!
The desert blooms; what was barren is fertile!
With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations: God is the Rock of our Salvation! Amen.

The Confession

The Officiant says to the people
My brothers and sisters, let us be alert to the advent of God and prepare the Lord's way by turning from sin, embracing justice and truth, and finding comfort in the Christ who promises peace.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Presider says
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

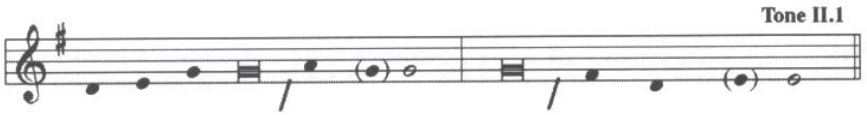
The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People **And your glory all the day long.**

Officiant and People
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Our God and Savior now draws near: O come let us worship.



Psalm 67:1-5 Deus misereatur
O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Lessons

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The people stand

Response to the reading

Canticle P
A Song of the Spirit
Revelation 22:12-17

"and bringing my reward with me, *
"Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord,

to give to everyone according to their deeds.
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end."
Blessed are those who do God's commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter the city through the gates.
"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.

“I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.”
“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; *
“Come!” let each hearer reply!
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

The people sit.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand

Response to the reading

Canticle 16
The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus
Luke 1:68–79

1. Blessed be Israel’s Lord and God,
For he has come and freed his own;
He sent a mighty savior born
Of David’s house and for his throne.

2. He promised through his prophets once
To save us from our foes’ intent;
He promised to show mercy and
Recall his holy covenant.

5. In the compassion of our God
The heavenly dawn shall bring release,

To shine on those who dwell in fear
And guide us in the way of peace.

A New Metrical Psalter
Christopher L. Webber.
Tune: New Winchester
Hymnal 76

The people sit.

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

The Sermon

The people stand

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People **And listen to our prayer.**

God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to be our Saviour and from this we take courage to 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.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Presider: Faithful God, stir up your strength and come to help us as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; hear our prayers and strengthen us to the end as we say: Restore us, O God of hosts; **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Litanist: We give thanks to you, O God, for the grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus: Enrich your Church in speech and knowledge of every kind that she may not be lacking in any spiritual gift and may be awake, alert and blameless at the day of your coming.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Make your name known, O God, so that the nations might tremble at your presence: Gather the elect from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven, that all humanity may know that we are the work of your hand and the sheep of your flock.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Come among us with great power and glory, O Shepherd of your people, shine forth and give to all the earth the light of your presence.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Be near to this community, at our very gates and within our hearts, and do not hide your face from us, that we may know your glory in the evening and at midnight and at cockcrow and at dawn, and not be found asleep at the day of your coming.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Open the heavens and come down with your healing grace for those for whom we pray, especially ___ *(please add your petitions and prayers, either silently or aloud).*

We give thanks for the grace and peace that come from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, offering our special gratitude for ___*(please add your petitions and prayers, either silently or aloud).*

May your angels gather your beloved into the day of your triumph as we remember those who have died, especially ___*(please add your petitions and prayers, either silently or aloud).*

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Presider: No one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, O God; you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand: Shine forth upon your creation, stir up your strength, and come to help us, as we put our trust in you, O Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayer List

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH

Our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Bishop Mark Lattime and his family
In this Diocese: St. Andrew's Church, Stevens Village
In this Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Haines

HEALING AND COMFORT

Margaret, Donna and Jo, Gaguine Family,

THANKSGIVINGS

For Jacqueline's recovery that abled to her to return to work.

THE DEPARTED

John Gaguine

Offertory Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending
Hymnal 58 (vs 1, 4)

The Doxology

The Hymnal 380 v3

As the gifts are brought forward, the Doxology is sung.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Birthday, Anniversary, and Travelers Prayers, Announcements

Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N.as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for Travelers
O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant may then conclude.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Hymn — *O come, O come Emmanuel* Hymnal 56 (vs 1 – 3)

Then may be said

Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
Please join us in the Wakefield Library
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.
Please refrain from talking in the worship space
until the postlude is complete



Today is the first day in the season of Advent, which is the beginning of the new church year. It is not only a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. It also is about the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing.

In the societies of the Roman empire, the word *adventus* referred to the arrival of a person of dignity and great power -- a king, emperor, or even one of the gods. For Christians, Advent is the time when the church patiently prepares for the coming of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

To show the change of the season, we move to blue vestments, the color of Mary. We "count down" the four Sundays of Advent by lighting a candle on the Advent wreath (the closer to Christmas, the more light we shine.) The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The four candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. Many families have an Advent Calendar, in which you open one "window" each day until Christmas. And no, we don't sing Christmas carols. We save those for Christmas!

So while the rest of secular society is already caught up in the frantic rush of shopping, decorations, parties, and other distractions, the church takes pause during Advent to contemplate the wonder of God's underserved mercy and love in Jesus Christ.

Come, O Lord, in much mercy down into my soul and take possession and dwell there. A poor dwelling, I confess, for so glorious a Person as You. Yet, I am preparing for a fitting reception of you, by holy and fervent desires of your own inspiring. Enter then, a+96nd adorn my soul, and make it a worthy place for you to inhabit, since it is the work of your own hands. Give me yourself, without which, even if you should give me all that you ever have made, yet this would not satisfy my desires. Let my soul ever seek you, and let me persist in seeking, until I have found, and am in full possession of you. Amen. *St. Augustine of Hippo*

Monday, November 30, 2026	noon	St. Andrew, Apostle
Monday, December 21, 2026	noon	St Thomas, Apostle
Thursday, December 24, 2026	10:00pm	Christmas Eve
Friday, December 25, 2026	noon	Christmas Day
Saturday, December 26, 2026	noon	St. Stephen, the first Martyr
Sunday, December 27, 2026	10:00pm	Lessons and Carols
Monday, December 28, 2026	noon	St. John, Apostle
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	noon	The Holy Innocents
Friday, January 01, 2027	noon	Holy Name
Wednesday, January 06, 2027	noon	The Epiphany



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	Sun, Nov 29
9:00 am Godly Play	
Leader & Support	Alison
10:00 am Worship in Church	
Greeter	Bill
Worship Leader	Lena
Preacher	Bob C
Acolyte & EM	NA
Lector & Prayer Leader	Kristin
Musician	Kim
Counters	Kristin
	Bill



HEADSTART FOOD MINISTRY: As you do your holiday food shopping, don't forget the food baskets. Everyone deserves something special during the holidays!

AdventWord

November 29 – December 25
29 de noviembre – 25 de diciembre

2026

29 Dawn Amanecer	**30** Armor Armadura	**1** Quake Temblar	**2** Clay Arcilla	**3** Kindle Avivar	**4** Testimony Testimonio	**5** Journey Viaje
6 Dwell Habitar	**7** Pathway Senda	**8** Wilderness Desierto	**9** Cry Gritar	**10** Aglaze En llamas	**11** Melt Derriter	**12** Brecth Aliento
13 Anointed Ungido	**14** Brokenhearted Quebrantado de corazón	**15** Oaks Robles	**16** Seed Semi la	**17** Scatterec Dispersar	**18** Sanctify Santificar	**19** Ruined Arruinado
20 Cedar Cedro	**21** Tabernacle Tabernáculo	**22** Plant Plantar	**23** Impossible Imposible	**24** Wise Sabio	**25** Beginning Pricipio	

AdventWord is a free inspirational online Advent calendar featuring a daily prompt word selected from the Advent Sunday Lectionary readings. Followers receive a daily meditation and image inspired by the day's word, and are invited to share their own personal reflections, art, poetry, or other creative expression.

As we await the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we invite you to find daily moments of reflection to help you stay connected to your faith, to others, and to God.

Join our community of prayer this Advent season. Sign up for email updates and daily meditations at **AdventWord.org**

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