

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card at the registration desk.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priorities. While the CDC has ruled that vaccinated people may safely be indoors without masks, some in our community have not been vaccinated, so, while now optional, masking remains the safest practice.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go, and by using the provided cleaning supplies if you visit the restrooms.

Children are very welcome in the sanctuary. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery. Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service.

On First Sundays beginning in October, the 10 am service will be intentionally hospitable to children, including interactive prayers, music and a children's message. No matter your age, this service is for you! The Children of All Ages service will be the main worship service on First Sundays.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant: Nancy Dilliplane

Preacher & Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality: Martha Dudich

Seminarian: Amy Crawford

Greeter/Usher: Lynda Vesely

Chalice: Steve & Marjorie Guidry

Acolyte: Ewan Swidorski

Lay Reader & Intercessor: Keith & Elisabeth Goggin

Altar Guild: Meg Perry/Joanne Welker

A/V: Rachel Swidorski

Open/Close: Janet Zimmerman, Joanne Welker

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man-kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath



Salutation

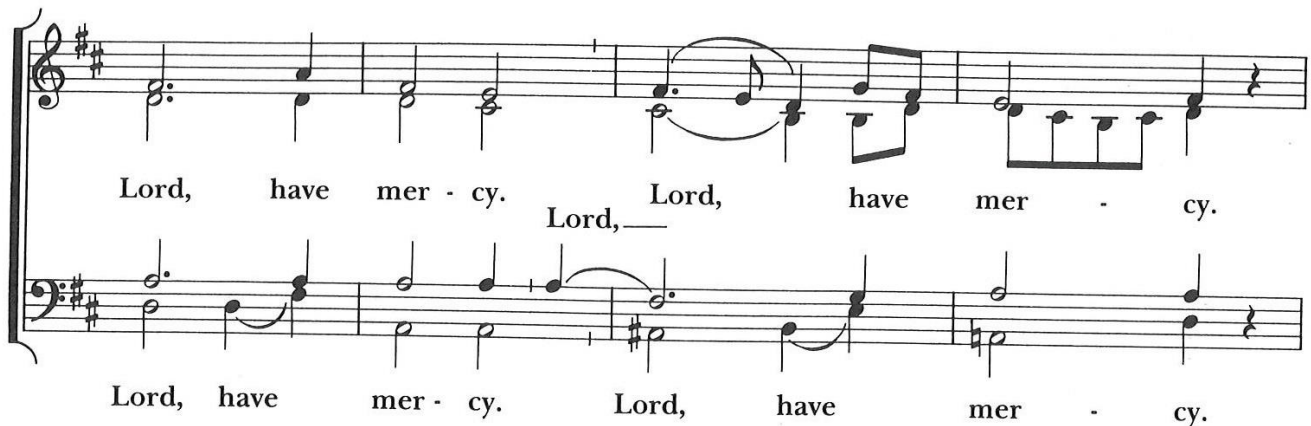
One: Blessed are you, Holy and Living One.

Many: **You come to your people and set them free.**

Collect for Purity

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



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Collect of the Day

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing and Sending of the Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



The Word of God

Please be seated for the Lessons

This passage from the book of Isaiah is well known because of its reference to a young woman (in Hebrew) or virgin (in the more familiar Greek) conceiving and bearing a son. In its original context, the identity of the woman is not clear—perhaps she was Ahaz's wife. The birth of a child in the very near future is meant as a sign to reassure Ahaz, the king of Judah, that God will intervene in history and not let his enemies destroy him. For Christians, however, Isaiah's words have a universal, messianic context. God's own son, born of Mary, and named Emmanuel—God with us—represents God's intervening in human history for all time.

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for

you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

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 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 those at your right hand, *
those whom you have made so strong for yourself.
17. So we may never turn away from you, *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18. Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Nowhere in the writings of Paul does he make any reference to the miraculous birth story of Jesus, although he, too, believes that Jesus has both human and divine origins. Jesus was descended from the human house of David—and son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. For Paul, Jesus’ divinity is shown most clearly by his resurrection from the dead.

Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

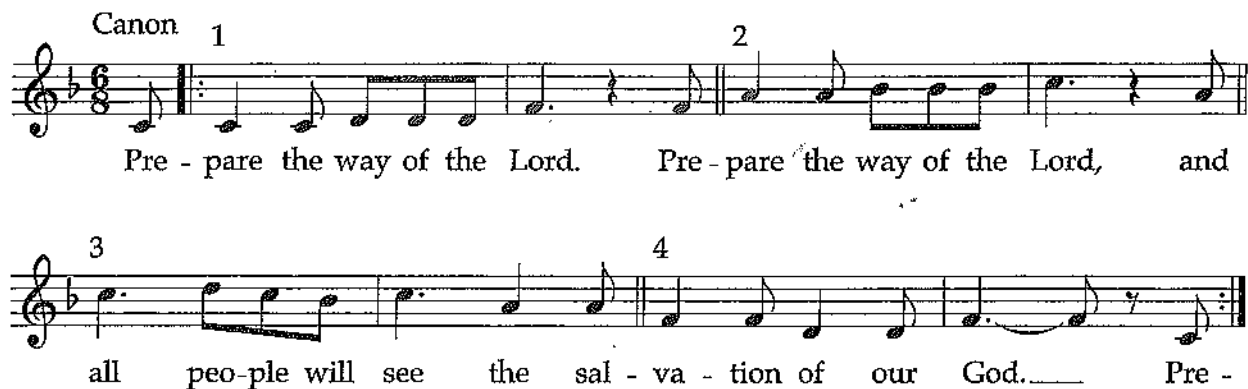
Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

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

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Gospel Anthem:

Please stand, as you are able for the Anthem and reading of the Gospel.



In today's gospel reading, Joseph, not Mary takes center stage. God had intervened before in the birth of some he has chosen – Isaac, Jacob and Samuel – but never before had God he replaced the whole male role! Even so, God's messenger assures Joseph that he still has a role to play: Jesus is legally descended from David through him. Joseph is described as a "righteous man", one who followed the laws of God. And yet his regard for the law was balanced by a sense of compassion that exemplified the higher values of the Kingdom that would be proclaimed by Jesus.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Reflection

Martha Dudich

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.
God of the prophets, **hear us and help us!**

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world.
Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.
God of the angels, **hear us and help us!**

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to
bring forth new life for a barren world.
God of our mothers, **hear us and help us!**

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage
to follow them.
God of our fathers, **hear us and help us!**

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness,
alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.
God of the shepherds, **hear us and help us!**

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you
among the poor.
God of the magi, **hear us and help us!**

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

God of the victim, **hear us and help us!**

God of all, we pray for:

Michael our presiding bishop, Daniel our bishop, Nancy our rector, Amy and all who are preparing for ordination, and for the ministry of all the baptized.

Joe, our president, Tom, our governor, our congress, assemblies, courts and school boards, that they may provide for the needs all people and uphold the dignity of every human being.

Those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish pray lists, those whose names are written on our hearts and the prayer cards in the basket and those we name now, silently or aloud.

Those who have died, especially those we name now, silently or aloud...

God of all, **hear us and help us!**

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Offering of our Common Lives

Offertory Anthem: Lo, How a Rose

The Trinity Hand Bell Choir

At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you please speak to our rector, Nancy. Communion will be distributed at the bottom of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please consume the bread at the time you receive it and move to the chalice located at either side aisle. It is preferred that you sip from the chalice rather than dipping your bread. The alcohol-free chalice will be available in addition to wine on the right-hand side. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, remain seated and make a spiritual communion, in solidarity with those who are at home.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A Prayer for Unity

Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. Give us grace to respond this day, and in the days to come. Nourished for service, may our hearts be made ready, our eyes be made open, our hands be made strong and our feet be made willing to do your will in all the places to which you call us. We long to unite ourselves wholly to you and to one another, and in all things remain a Eucharistic people, the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

One: **The Lord be with you.**

Many: **And also with you.**

One: **Lift up your hearts.**

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

Many: **It is right to give our 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, 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, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Increase our hope, dispel our apathy; inspire our imagination, and deepen our commitment until we become signs of the kingdom for which we and others pray. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Dismissal

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn Hark the Glad Sound

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, the second system contains the second and third lines, and the third system contains the fourth and fifth lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piano accompaniment is shown on the bottom staff of each system, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal
prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.
pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);
harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Christmas Worship at Trinity

The Longest Night: A Service of Healing and Remembrance

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 7 pm in Historic Trinity

Christmas Eve Fill the Creche Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 4 pm in the Main Sanctuary

*Service includes Holy Communion
and is intentionally hospitable to children*

Christmas Eve Traditional Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 8 pm in the Main Sanctuary

Service includes special music, hymns and Holy Communion

Christmas Day Contemplative Service

Sunday, December 25, 2022 at 10 am in Historic Trinity

*Service includes special music, poetry, quiet reflection
and Holy Communion*

A Service of Lessons and Christmas Carols

Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10 am in the Main Sanctuary

*Service includes scripture readings, carols, quiet reflection
and Holy Communion*

Please note that there will be no 8 am worship service on December 25 or January 1

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