

First Advent

November 27, 2022, 9:00 am

Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Worship & Ministry Leaders

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Charles Tuttle	Jim & Phyllis Foster
Lay Reader	Kit Huggard	Bonnie Magno
Intercessor	Kitty Lobban	Scott Cudney

Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.
Please use this Service Leaflet along with your
Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to join our hearts
and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.

THE WORD OF GOD

At the lighting of the Advent Wreath

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)

Hymnal 56

Processional: Awake, my soul

Hymnal 11

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

The Gloria

BCP 356

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Psalm 122 BCP 779

1 I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gradual Hymn: Christ is the world’s true light **Hymnal 542**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

On the Mount of Olives, Jesus said to his disciples privately about his coming, ‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must

be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Sermon	The Rev. Dcn. Barb Mitchell
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: Rejoice! Rejoice believers	Hymnal 68
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
The Sanctus	BCP 367
The Prayer before Eucharist	BCP 397
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread
*All baptized persons are welcome
to receive communion at God’s holy table.*

Communion: Sleepers Wake! A voice astounds us **Hymnal 62**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul into everlasting life. Amen

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Recessional: The King shall come	Hymnal 73
The Dismissal	

*The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in Thanksgiving for Maverick, the grandson of Kitty & Steve Lobban*

To keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray God's blessing and favor upon the Church the Dioceses of West Missouri and Western New York. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Diocesan Standing Committee.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Adam, Lane, Curtis, Lindsey, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially, Dori, Margi, Sally, Jackie, Todd, Apryl, Vicki, Marion, Joyce, Pam, Holly, for all those affected by violence, for all those still struggling from the effects of COVID and those known only to God.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Vestry as they lead St. James': Barbara, Bonnie, Kit, Kitty, Jackie, Michele, and Mick.

We give thanks for Steve Lobban and Barbara Mitchell who celebrate birthdays this week.

Welcome to worship

Welcome to our guests this morning! We are delighted you've joined us for worship in person or on FaceBook Live. If attending in person, please give the usher your name, address, and phone number that we might welcome you with a note and contact you if the need arises. If you join us on FaceBook, please like or share us that we might know that you have joined us for worship.

Prayer request cards are located in the bell tower window. Please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office. Names will stay on the prayer list for six weeks.

Daily devotional: For only \$1 you can begin each day with a short reading and meditation on the word of the Lord. Pick up a *Forward Day by Day* or *Our Daily Bread* from the bell tower window to use in your daily prayers.

Read, Mark, and Inwardly Digest

This week at St. James'

Today: Join us for coffee hour after the service.

Thanks to your generosity we sent off 30 really spectacular shoeboxes to the Christmas Child ministry.

Grief Share Ministry continues on Thursdays at 7PM in the Parish Hall. See Dcn. Barb for details.

Paper products needed! Thanks to everyone who donated towels and tissues. We still need tall kitchen can garbage bags and 30-gallon trash bags in Tuttle Hall. Please donate if you can.

Weekly at St. James'

AA meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, and Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, and AA board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the parish Hall.

Monday & Tuesday: Living Resources uses Tuttle Hall during the day.

Tuesdays: Knit Wits meets in the Parish Hall from 4:30-5:30 pm. Join us to knit or crochet for social concerns.

Saturdays: Grace Communion International holds services in our Parish Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Coming soon...

Lunch and Learn Series 2022-23:

Dec. 15, Christmas Carol Sing and More.

Optional Cookie exchange - Bring 2 dozen cookies with the recipe to share!

Jan. 27, Search & Rescue in the Adirondacks.

Presenter: Peter Benoit (Snow date: Jan 28)

Community Dinners at Sacred Heart: December 14 at 5 pm. Dinner will be donated by Ft. William Henry. Contact Kitty if you can help with setup, serving, dessert or cleanup.