

All Saints' Memorial Church

First Sunday of Advent
8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist
November 30th, 2025



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Welcome to All Saints' Memorial Church for worship!

Whether this is your first time here, or a first time in a long time, please know a few things:

All are welcome—always!

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall (the building closest to the parking lot).

The entire order of service with readings, except for the hymns, is contained in the bulletin. Hymns are sung at the 10 am service only.

Our hymns and service music are located in the *blue 1982 Hymnal*. Service music is indicated by an 'S' in the front, and is located in the front part of the Hymnal. Hymns are indicated by their number in the Hymnal.

We normally stand to sing the hymns, for the reading of the gospel and prayers; and are seated for readings, Psalm, and the homily. It is traditional to kneel for the confession.

The Sign of the Peace is to be exchanged from your own pew. Please respect your neighbor's choice of greeting whether it is by handshake, or by elbow or fist bumps, waving, bowing, or giving the peace sign to those in the pews surrounding you.

All persons are welcome to receive communion regardless of age or your faith background: Ushers will guide you to the communion rail; you may receive communion either standing or kneeling.

We receive bread in the hand. You may retain it to dip into the cup; please be careful so fingers do not touch the wine. You may also drink from the cup if you wish.

You may also come to the altar for blessing instead; please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest, or tell the priest.

If you are unable to make the trip to the communion rail, please let the ushers know and communion will be brought to you.

Gluten Free wafers are available. Please let the Celebrant know.

Please join us for food and fellowship after the service in our Parish Hall!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you have any questions about All Saints' or The Episcopal Church, please feel free to speak to Mother Debbie after the service.

Restless kids? Bubble wands in Narthex (lobby/vestibule) to be used outside on patio.

Crayons and coloring pages in a basket on back table

Service text and prayers are from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer;

Prayers of the People written by The Rev. Debbie Cook in conjunction with various resources including Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah Williamson 2014 &

Intercessions for the Christian People, Liturgical Press 1990

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Prelude

Tranquilly
C. Hubert H. Parry, 1924

Please Stand as able

Processional Hymn #58

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
St Thomas

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: “Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.”

The candle is lit.

Scripture: “Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.”

Prayer: “**Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**”

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

8 am Service: The following is said by all standing,

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy
People: Christ, have mercy
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

10 am service, sung:

S86 Kyrie Eleison
New Plainsong, D. Hurd

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

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.*

Please be seated.

READINGS

First Reading

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. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

*8am said, responsively by full verse
10 am: Plainsong, Tone VIII.1*

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

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."

Second Reading

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 quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn #59

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Merton

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "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.”

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Mother Debbie

Please stand as able

Nicene Creed (*say together*)

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 (*remain standing as able*)

Leader: People of God, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Teach us your ways; **May we walk in your path.**

Wake your church from sleep, O God. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer. Teach us your ways; **May we walk in your path.**

Wake from sleep this nation and every nation, O God. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war and oppression no more. Teach us your ways; **May we walk in your path.**

Wake from sleep your creation, O God. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise. Teach us your ways; **May we walk in your path.**

Wake from sleep this city and all our communities, O God. May we know peace and justice. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light. Teach us your ways; **May we walk in your path.**

Wake from sleep all those who serve, O God. May they understand and embrace the call of service and do so in a way that honors you. We pray particularly for service members, first responders and health care workers: David, Max, Ryan, John, Neema, Anthony, Pat, Bonnie, Jessie, Trent, Candy, Erin, Nick, Andrew and Jeremy. Teach us your ways; **May we walk in your path.**

Wake from sleep those in pain and sadness, O God. Deliver them from suffering and struggle so that they may know your healing and peace. We lift up to you this day Barbara, Larry, Linda, Bill, Joyce, Harry, Ibby, Valerie, Chris, Georgia & Patric, Libby, Maureen, Ray, Elsie. Teach us your ways; **May we walk in your path.**

Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever. Give peace to those who mourn. Teach us your ways; **May we walk in your path.**

We invite your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud....

Celebrant: O God, help us to know peace within our walls of our homes and our hearts, and may we always keep awake to your presence in our lives. Guide us always to seek to do good. All these things we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please kneel or remain standing for the Confession:

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence.

Minister 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 Priest says

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 (*please stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Thanksgivings and prayers for special intentions.

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

O Day of Peace
Parry, 1916

Eucharistic Prayer B*(please stand as able)**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.**

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:

*Celebrant and People (sung by all)**S122*

**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.

The people stand as able or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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:
(Together)

**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; *S152*

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

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

Communion Hymn #454

Jesus Came, Adored by Angels
Lowry

Please be seated until you can come forward to receive; usher will guide you. All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We receive bread in the hand. You may retain it to dip into the cup; please be careful so fingers do not touch the wine. You may also drink from the cup. For those worshipping with us online, you are invited to use the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

All stand for the final prayer and blessing.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**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.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #68

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers
Llangloffan

Dismissal

Priest

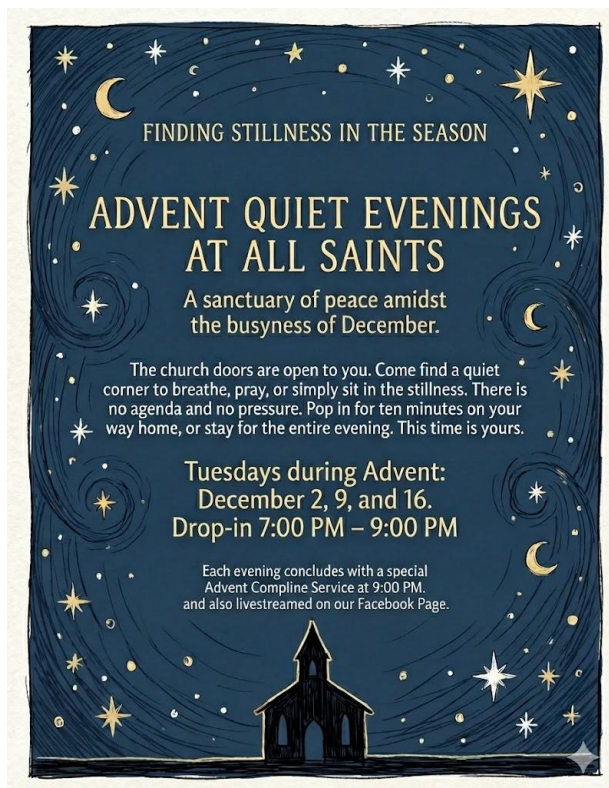
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

For those worshipping with us online
A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen





**The Stone Church Players
Present:**

Holiday Affair

A live radio play



December 6th at 7pm

December 7th at 2pm

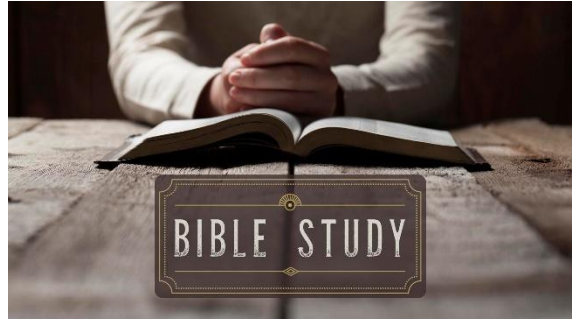
\$10 Tickets At The Door



***Sunday School
At 10 am today
All welcome!***

Adult Bible Study
The Gospel according to Luke

Wednesdays at 11 am in the Hall



Giving Tree is underway!
Take a Tag—all gifts due
December 14th

**Help someone in need have
a joyous Christmas!**



Men's Group Coat Drive

We are partnering with HABcore and collecting coats for all age groups and genders, plus gloves, scarves, socks and hats. Please bring your donations and put them in or near the black and yellow containers in the hall.

Thank you!





St. Nicholas Day!
Saturday, December 6th
11 am to 4 pm

Who is St. Nicholas?

Join us to find out—from St. Nicholas himself!
Displays of St. Nicholas celebrations around the
world, crafts for the kids, and more!

PLUS....

- Bake sale and Homemade Soups!
- Food and beverages for sale
- S'mores station (Make your own!)
- Our famous fresh Greenery arrangements—pick up one for your mantle, table, or to give as a gift

Bakers needed!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 30th

First Sunday of Advent: Liturgical Year A

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Church

10:00 am Sunday School in Hall

10:00 am Choral Holy Eucharist in Church (livestreamed)

Coffee Hour

Monday, December 1st

7:00 pm SCP Rehearsal in Church

Tuesday, December 2nd

1:30 pm Chair Yoga with Laura in Hall

6:00 pm Restorative Yoga with Laura in Hall

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Advent Meditation Time in Church

9:00 pm Compline in Church and online

Wednesday, December 3rd

11:00 am Bible Study in Hall

6:00 pm Dual Recovery Meeting in Hall

Thursday, December 4th

7:00 pm Landmark Trust meeting in Hall and on Zoom

7:00 pm SCP Rehearsal in Church

Friday, December 5th

7:00 pm SCP Rehearsal in Church

Saturday, December 6th

8:00 am to 9:30 am AA Meeting in Hall

11:00 am to 4:00 pm St. Nicholas Day Winterfest in Hall and grounds

7:00 pm SCP presents 'Holiday Affair' in Church

Sunday, December 7th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church

10:00 am Choral Holy Eucharist in Church and online

NO Sunday School

Coffee Hour

2:00 pm SCP presents 'Holiday Affair' in Church