

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 7, 2025

10:30 a.m. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY BAS 185

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Luke 3: 4, 6*

Processional Hymn # 100 (CP)  
"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"  
Lighting of the Advent Candles

See insert for readings/music

### Gathering Prayer

God of justice, clear our lives of hatred and despair and sow in us seeds of joy and peace; so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us as we await the coming of the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, 6 now and for ever. Amen.

*FWM Proposed Collects (2004) alt.*

Children's Talk & Song (INSERT) VS 1, 2 only  
"Come Lord Jesus"

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 11: 1-10  
Psalms # 72: 1-7, 18-19 BAS 797  
Second Reading Romans 15: 4-13  
Gospel Hymn # 106 (CP) "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"  
Holy Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

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## SERMON – Rev. Ron McLean

Apostles Creed BAS 189  
Prayers of the People # 8 BAS 117  
Confession and Absolution BAS 191  
The Peace BAS 192

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn # 101 (CP) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Prayer over the Gifts

**God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Eucharistic Prayer # 3 BAS 198

### Proper Preface

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may 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.

The Lord's Prayer # 2 BAS 211

Breaking of the Bread # 5 BAS 212

**Celebrant:** God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) BAS 247  
Communion Hymns #60 "I Come with Joy"  
# 62 "Come, Let Us Eat"



## Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

Glory to God (Doxology) BAS 214

Blessing & Three Fold Amen

Recessional Hymn # 95 "O Come, Divine Messiah"

Dismissal BAS 215



Sun Dec 7 Eucharist with Rev. Ron  
Tues Dec 9 Bible Study 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
Office open 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.  
Thurs Dec 11 Office open 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.  
Sun Dec 14 Lessons and Carols 10:30 a.m.  
Wed Dec 17 Ladies Christmas get together  
in church hall 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Men's Christmas get together  
at David Cleaveley's house  
Sun Dec 21 Eucharist-Rev. Samuel 10:30 a.m.  
Quiet Christmas service at 7 p.m.  
**Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.**



Forms will be available in the narthex for anyone who wishes **to purchase flowers for the church** in memory of or in thanksgiving for family or friends. Forms need to be returned by December 14, 2025.

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**Hi ladies:** Our Christmas get together will be a bit different this year. Lesley & Diane are hosting it in the church hall on **Wednesday, December 17 from 5 - 7 pm.** Please bring finger foods or appetizers to share with our group. Rather than a gift exchange we're asking for donations of non-perishable food items for the Sharing Place. Be mindful that you may consider a nut-free, dairy-free or gluten-free item as those with these conditions also use food banks.

**Hello men:** You are welcome to join the men from our church for an evening together with David Cleaveley at his house, **between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**



Thanks to all those who have volunteered to be readers at our **Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 a.m. service. Sharing our voices and reading from God's word have been a tradition at St. A's over the years. Thank you for being part of this special Christmas service.

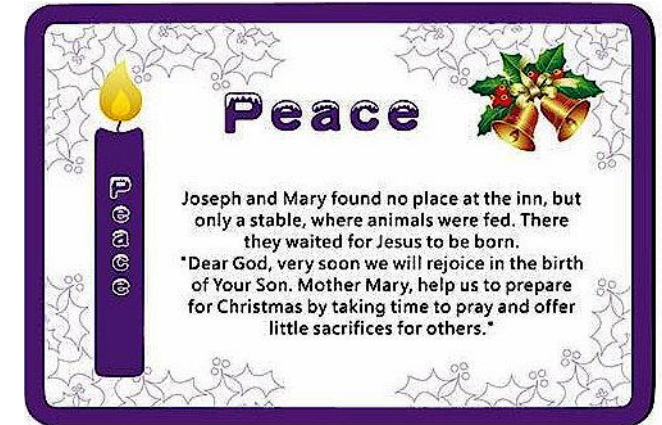
A group will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on **Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 4 p.m.** All are welcome to come and help.

**NOTE:** Our **Christmas Eve service at St. Athanasius'** at **7:00 p.m.** with Rev. Samuel officiating.

A **Christmas Day service** will be held at **St. James'** on **Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m.**

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SUNDAY SERVICES - 10:30 a.m.



May the peace of Christ  
surround you as you worship, today.  
Know that God loves you & is with you now and always.