

Advent 1

November 29, 2026

WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!

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SERVING TODAY:

Reader:	Tracy Caine
Prayer Leader:	Tracy Caine
Children's Message:	Jessica Purdum
Altar Guild:	Janet Miller
Video assistant:	Rick Ayling
Ushers:	Robert Adair, Russ Bainbridge, Steve Krause, Benji Sitton & Kenrick Veit
Communion Assistants:	Robert & Alana Adair, Carolyn Behrens, Ann Lawton, Janet Miller, Abby & Henson Davis
Acolyte & Crucifer:	Kale Foote & Henson Davis

PRELUDE: ***The First Noel—*** arr. Rebecca Bonam Ron Wallace & Niki Higgins

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: ***Brandon, Stephanie, Chevy & Zalani Carey***

(Please see the insert in the back of your pew, we will begin with congregational responses and end with the song.)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*
Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #244 ***Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*** vs 1, 2 & 4

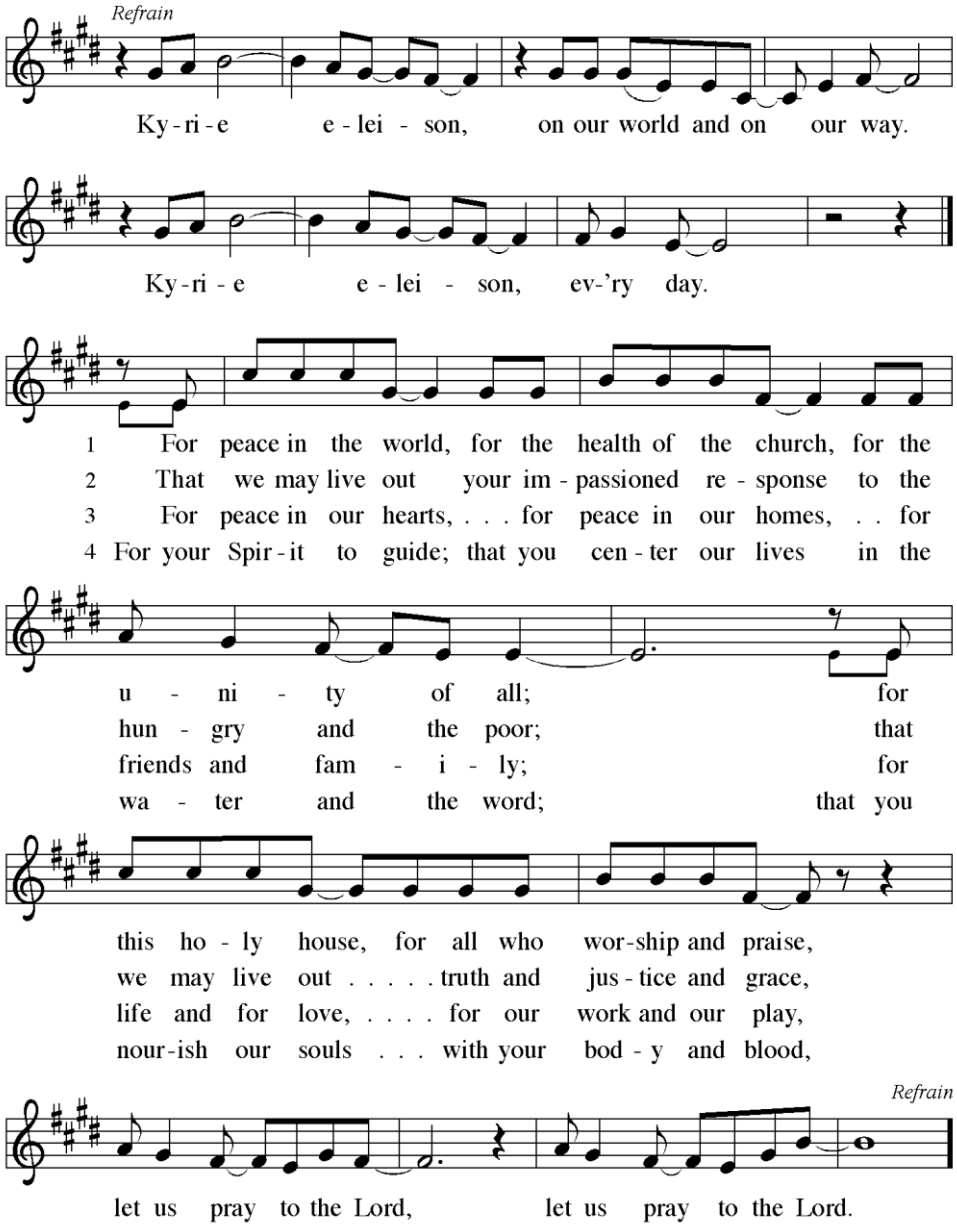
Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bride-groom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bride-groom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bride-groom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.

Kyrie 3 & 4



Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING **Isaiah 64:1-9**

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— **2**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! **3**When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. **4**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. **5**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. **6**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. **7**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. **8**Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. **9**Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

1Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
4O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
5You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
17Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
18And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
19Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- *(Please stand)*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. ***Glory to you, O Lord***

GOSPEL READING **Mark 13:24-37**

24"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28"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. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
32"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34It 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. 35Therefore, 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, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Jessica Purdum**
SPECIAL MUSIC ***Advent Song*** Carolyn Behrens w/Ron Wallace & Rick Ayling
MESSAGE **Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

HYMN #260 ***The King Shall Come*** vs 1, 2, 4 & 5

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see his face.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom. You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. Father, by your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Father, by your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. Father, by your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief. Father, by your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people. Father, by your Spirit

bring in your kingdom.

We lift before you the nations of the world, the city in which we live, our neighbors, friends, and families. We pray that your grace and love will intersect with their deepest needs to heal, forgive, and make new. We bring to you the things of special concern to us now… (*silence for prayer*).
Lord of the Church,

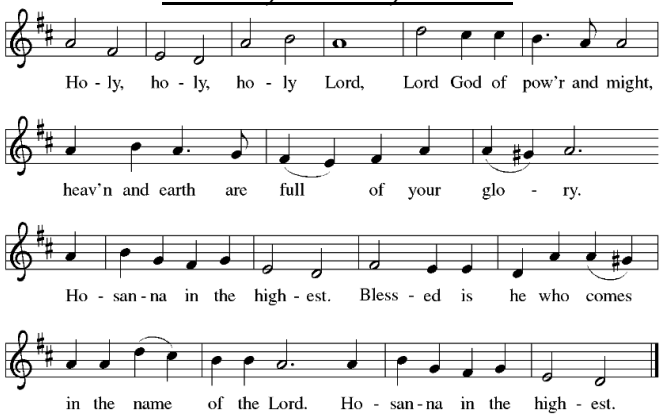
hear our prayer and make us one in mind and heart to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***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 forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 all of 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;

...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 forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

May the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE Ron Wallace

SENDING - Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADVENT WEDNESDAYS BEGIN DECEMBER 2 – "3 Kings"

Join us for 3 Wednesdays of All Church Advent Services and Outreach. We begin with Soup Suppers at 5:45pm. Sign up to bring your favorite soup! 6:30pm we gather in the Sanctuary for a 30 minute service. At 7:00pm we participate in an activity that takes what we've focused on to the community.
12/2—Bring Cookies to Share; 12/9—Prayer Walk; 12/16—Make Homeless Blessing Bags

COOKIE DELIVERY – SUNDAY, 12/6

We will gather after Sunday school in age groups to deliver the boxes of cookies we put together the Wednesday night before. We will take them to shut ins and first responders. Pizza will be provided so RSVP to Abby Davis ahoppe86@gmail.com or Pastor Stefanie!

PARENTS' DAY OUT – 12/19 from 2:00-5:00pm

Drop your kids off so you can enjoy an afternoon of shopping or relaxing! It is $20 for the first child you bring, and $10 for any additional kids (friends can come too!). Sign up in the Narthex! The money raised will benefit the Youth!

POINSETTIA SALES

Help decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and support Blackwelder Brass by purchasing a poinsettia. Order online using the QR code above or visiting www.stpaulsokc.com> "online giving" or order forms are available in the narthex. Please include "poinsettias" on the note/memo line and indicate if you will be taking your plant home. $25 per plant - order deadline – **December 16th**. Questions: contact Nancy Krause.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning TODAY, Terry Beloncik will lead the "Fellowship of the Mystery" Sunday school class. This is a study of Ephesians (with many wonderful Greek words!) Join us in the room next to the nursery. All friends, old and new are welcome!

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

11/29 – 9:30 – **Worship**

11/30 – Canticle Ringers

DECEMBER

12/1–11a **Charles Nithman Mem. Service**
6:30pm – **Twilight Tones**

12/2 –Advent Wednesday
5:45 – Soup Supper
6:30 – Advent Service
7:00 – Church Activity – Cookie Boxes
Choir Rehearsal

12/6 – 9:30 – **Worship & Education**
11:45–Youth & kids Caroling & cookie delivery
2pm Choir Christmas Party

12/7 – Twilight Tones Christmas Party

12/8 –Advent Wednesday
5:45 – Soup Supper
6:30 – Advent Service
7:00 – Church Activity – Prayer walk/drive
Choir Rehearsal

12/13 – 9:30 – **Worship & Education**
11:30 – Christmas Around the World

12/14–Canticle Ringers Christmas Breakfast

12/16 –Advent Wednesday
5:45–Soup Supper
6:30–Advent Service
7:00–Church Activity – Blessing Bags
Choir Rehearsal

12/19–2-5pm Parents' Day Out

12/20–9:30–**Worship**
Birthday Party for Jesus

12/21–6:30pm **Blue Christmas Service**

12/24–4 & 7pm Christmas Eve Services

12/25–Merry Christmas!

12/27–9:30–**Worship**

12/28-31– Office Closed