

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022
at 9:00 a.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (White #35) “*Peace I Give to Thee*”

Please stand as you are able.

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

Celebrant Come and save us, O God of hosts.
People **Come and save us, O God of hosts.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy God, whose Word was incarnate in Mary, and whose message was proclaimed by John, give us grace to know and follow our Savior, that we may throw off the works of darkness and seek the justice, mercy, and peace of that holy light; teach us to know Christ and to help all people to follow the Light of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Woman When all was in darkness and the people of God were in expectation, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

People **To noise and strife – the Word came.
To darkness and evil – the Light came.
To hate and hurt – Love Incarnated came.
In fulfillment and glory – Christ will come again.**

The woman lights the candle for the First Sunday of Advent.

A Woman And so shall Christ come again in power and great glory, a light to disclose all hidden things to open the secrets of all hearts.

People **The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Hymn (Blue #56 - Verse 1) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant ☒ Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

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, Eleison (*sung together, all standing as you are able*)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 for the readings.

First Lesson (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.**

The Psalm Psalm 122

Let us read responsively by verse.

- 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 Lesson (Romans 13:11-14)

Kaydiann Sangster

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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.**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant ✠ 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.”

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

The Homily

Fr. Pervez Baig

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able: all 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

Kevin Sangster

The Celebrant says:

The Lord Jesus has called us to watch for the day of His return. As we enter this season of Advent, let us come to the Father in prayer, watching and waiting for his beloved Son as we pray, Lord have mercy.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That all members of the Church may deepen their personal prayer in the coming weeks. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople,

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That nations in conflict may “hammer their swords into plough shares” and find a just peace. We pray for Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; and Rick, our Mayor,

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That men and women suffering from emotional distress may find their peace in Christ,

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That in our preparation for Christmas, we may resist excessive spending and focus upon the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ,

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may offer up our intercessions on behalf of all those for whom we pray:

- For all Missionaries throughout the world
- For the persecuted Church throughout the world
- For our troops throughout the world
- For our absent brothers and sisters
- For the victims of crime in our communities
- For all those on our Prayer List, *especially Richard Mealey, Jim Krug, Mark Miller, Sharon Young, Doris Philips, and Henry Lomas.*
- For our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Meghan Gainer, George Gainer, Jr., and Mary Lush.*

- Silence -

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the dead may rejoice forever in the house of the Lord, *especially [N].*

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Let's pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, hear the fervent prayers of the people you have gathered at this altar in faithful obedience to your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

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.*

Absolution

Celebrant:

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.***

Blessing of Sunday School Teacher and Children

Prayer for Healing

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant
People

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

Announcements

Fundraisers:

- **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.
- **Christmas Shopping Raffle** tickets are available at \$5 each. **1st Prize** - \$1,000 worth of store and restaurant gift cards; **2nd Prize** - \$500 TD Bank Gift Card Raffle; **3rd Prize** - \$250 TD Bank Gift Card Raffle. Please see Darlene for tickets.

Fellowship:

- **Save the Date: Rededication Ceremony & Christmas Party Potluck** will take place on **December 18, 2022**, immediately after service, provided that the renovation is finished by then. There is a **sign-up sheet in the back** if you'd indicate what you will contribute. We will confirm on December 11.

Community:

- **Holy Family Episcopal Church - Laurel Springs**, Holiday Sweet Sale Silent Auction and International Nativity Display, Saturday, December 3, 2022, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call: 856.784.8666.

Stewardship Talk

Debra Jacobs-Thomas (Women of Hope Resource Center) & Kevin Sangster (Closing Remarks)

Blessing of the Pledges (Fr. Pervez)

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Offertory Hymn (Black #2)

*“Oh Thou That
Tallest Good
Tidings to Zion”*

Please stand as you are able.

The Offering of the Bread

The Celebrant takes the bread to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to
offer, which earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us the Bread of
Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Offering of the Wine

The Celebrant takes the wine to be consecrated and places it on the corporal. The following may be said:

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to
offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Celebrant may address the community with these words.

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my Sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please stand as you are 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.**

Celebrant proceeds:

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

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 or kneel. 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;***

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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; Joseph her spouse, with the apostles, martyrs; 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 forever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

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.

Breaking of The Bread

[Fraction Anthem]

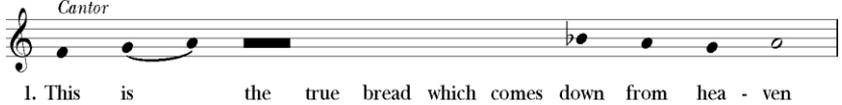
The People sing only the antiphon.

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor



1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

Cantor



and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er



believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread



which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Celebrant:

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn (White #4)

“Glorify Thy Name”

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

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.

The Blessing

Celebrant blesses the congregation:

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of His blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May He whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at His second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

May our blessed Lady, blessed Joseph, and all the saints pray for you. And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (White #93)

“*Lord of the
Dance*”

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor’s card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Reverend Father Pervez Baig
Celebrant and Homilist

Andrew Listman
Margaret McCafferty
Eucharistic Ministers

Louis Durham
Music Minister

Kaydiann Sangster
Kevin Sangster
Margaret McCafferty
Lay Readers

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Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Nicholas Cadet
Andrew Miller	Nicholas DeMaria
Charles Devoll	Nickolette McCafferty
Dalton Anders	Reed Mikkelson
Dave Niglio	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
Felix Perez	Ted Chavis
Jacob Listman	
Jamie Berry	
Jimmy Sheridan	
John Kirkbride	
Jonathan DeMaria	
Joseph Hodges	
Keith Taylor	

Comfort & Healing

Barbara MacLeod	Mrs. Moe
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Christina Camuccio	Paul Williams
Connie Buch	Paulette Bahn
Dave McMichael	Regina Listman
Edna Krug	Sheila Williams
Floss Egizi	Theresa Ennis
Irene Livacz	Victor Kayati
Jasmin Mulero	Wendy Robinson
Jim Haverstick	Zella Dixon
Lee Anna Smoler	
Linda Swinney	
Lori Gantz	
Mackenzie Wister	
Marian Ive	
Mary Corson	
Mary Esther Fritz	
Mary McGrath	