THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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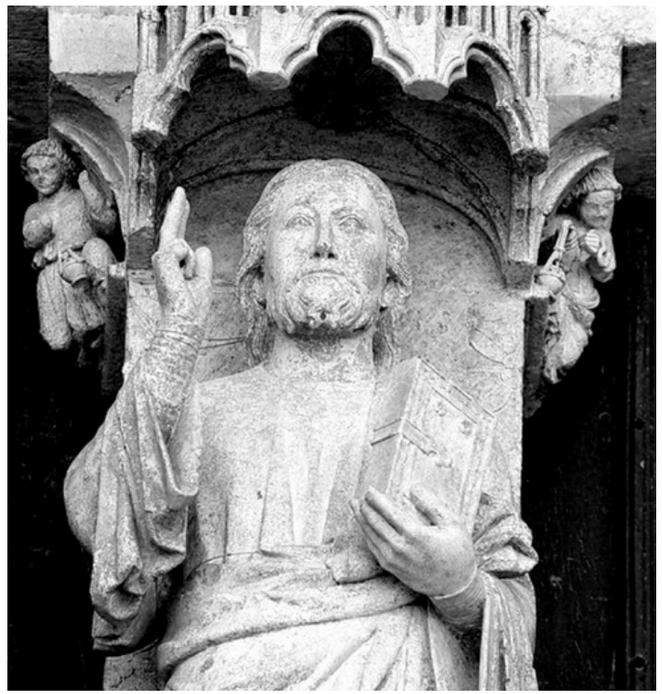
November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent, Year B
8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II



"When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Time prior to the start of the liturgy is a time for quiet meditation and prayer.

Prelude Organ Voluntary *Veni Emmanuel,* **Bender**
O Savior, Rend the Heavens, **Wide-Zipp**

Entrance Hymn Hymnal 56, vs 1-2
Opening Acclamation BCP 355
The Collect for Purity BCP 355
Kyrie S-96

The S-section is located in the front of the Hymnal 1982.

The Salutation & The Collect of the Day BCP 357

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson *Isaiah 64:1-9*

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

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

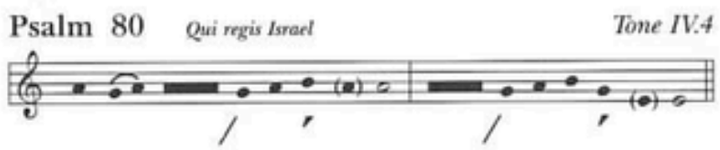
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 **Qui regis Israel**

The refrain below is sung by the congregation at the beginning of the psalm, and then wherever the letter R is marked. The verses are sung by the choir.

On other Sundays and Weekdays



Stir up your strength, O LORD, and come to help us.



1 *Hear, Ö* **Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph like a flock; ***
shine forth, you that are enthroned / upon the chérubim.

2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and Manásseh, ***
stir up your strength / and come to hélp us. **R**

3 Restore / us, O Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your counte/nance, and we shall be saved.

4 —/O LORD Gód of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the / prayers of your péople? **R**

5 You have fed them / with the bréad of tears; *
you have given / them bowls of téars to drink.

6 You have made us the derision / of our néighbors, *
and our en/emies laugh ús to scorn. **R**

7 Restore / us, O Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your counte/nance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man / of your right hand, *
the son of man you have / made so strong for yourself. **R**

17 And so will we never / turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may / call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, / O LORD Gód of hosts; *
show the light of your counte/nance, and we shall be saved. *[Ant.]* **R**

The Second Lesson *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn Hymnal 632

Gospel Lesson *Mark 13:24-37*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It 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. Therefore, 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

The Sermon Rev. Frieda Van Baalen Webb

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form III BCP 387

Confession of Sin, Form VI BCP 603

Parish Prayer List: Vincent and Karen M., Kim Greene, Jim Russo, Mimy Butler, Halsey Van Lew, Greg W., Beth Regan, Father John Paul Boyer, Jo Meachem, Samuel, Darlene, Nekka, Carol B., Charlie Ohl, Jim Cosbey, Sue, Christine A., Charley Lewis, Norm and Sharon D., Kim L.

The Peace BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Advent Carol* **(Choir)**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus S-130

Agnus Dei S-164

Communion Hymn Hymnal 60

Post-Communion Prayer

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

People: **Amen.**

Hymn Hymnal 58

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Organ Voluntary *Now Come, Savior of the Nations,* **JS Bach**

Lectors

November 29, 2026	**December 6, 2026**
L1: Bev Barry	**L1:** Jennifer Snyder-Haas
L2: Marji Torrell	**L2:** Joe Spina
PotP: Bev Barry	**PotP:** Jennifer Snyder-Haas

Calendar

11/29 The First Sunday of Advent

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

12/02 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Food Pantry

6PM Worship Service with music

12/06 The Second Sunday of Advent

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

Upcoming Events

12/6 Sunday

3PM to 4PM Pete's Pet Food Pantry

12/13 Sunday

Bishop Lane Visit

12/20 Sunday

Decorate the church for Christmas (help is needed)

12/24 Thursday

4PM Christmas Eve Eucharist with choir

12/25 Friday

9AM Christmas Day Eucharist with music

Announcements

Lectors and Altar Helpers

With our new, combined 10 AM Sunday service, we need to update our list of available folks to serve as Lectors and as altar helpers (for Mother Frieda). Please consider serving in one (or both) of these roles as part of your Good Shepherd Stewardship participation.

If you wish to be a Lector for the Sunday service, please contact Jessica at officegoodshep@gmail.com with your availability.

If you wish to be an altar helper for Mother Frieda, please contact Dottie Aikman at daikman56@gmail.com with your availability. Training will be provided.

Christmas Flowers / Alter Guild Donations

We will not be purchasing fresh poinsettias this year. However, if you would like to contribute toward the purchase of fresh flowers for Christmas or alter guild linens that are needed, please write 'Alter Guild' on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your donation!

Good Shepherd Staff

The Reverend Frieda Van Baalen Webb, *Supply Priest*
Gail Shepherd, *Music Director*
Jessica Thorington, *Administrative Assistant*

Vestry

Dale Cich & Elaine Richau, Wardens;
Pat Lalonde, Treasurer; Nancy Cich, Clerk;
Class of 2026: Charlene Gottfried, Susan Woods
Class of 2027: Marji Torrell, Linda Leighbody
Class of 2028: Bev Barry, Kathy Toth

Parish Office Hours

Fri 9AM - 11AM

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