



ADVENT WEEK 1 INSERT

Sat. 27 Nov 5pm & Sun. 28 Nov 11am

Prelude: “Raise Now Your Song on High”, tune by Camille Saint-Saens, arr by Todd Kendall
from the "Christmas Oratorio"

Opening Hymn “*Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*”

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Closing Hymn “*People, Look East!*”

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Postlude Meditation on "St. Columba" (Irish melody) arr by David Paxton

This weekend's Servers:

Sat:

LEM: Maryjane Mahland

Lector: Robin St. Clair

Sun:

LEM: Nancy Rea

Lector: Sherry Simon

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.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

(Read aloud in unison)

Ad te, Domine, levavi

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| 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over
me. | for they are from everlasting. |
| 2 Let none who look to you be put to
shame; *
let the treacherous be
disappointed in their schemes. | 6 Remember not the sins of my youth
and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your
love
and for the sake of your goodness,
O Lord. |
| 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths. | 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his
way. |
| 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my
salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day
long. | 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly. |
| 5 Remember, O Lord, your
compassion and love, * | 9 All the paths of the Lord are love
and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant
and his testimonies. |

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

St Stephen's Announcements Nov 25– Dec 2 2021

Mark Sowards our Parish Administrator and Tech Guru Extraordinaire is having ankle surgery on Nov 30th and will be out of the office and off his feet for several weeks. Volunteers to help with the office tasks and with the camera operation on Sunday are appreciated. Mark is unsure exactly how many days he will be unavailable... need to see how the surgery goes. Please see Rev. Allison to volunteer.

Anne Roth has graciously agreed to be our new treasurer for the immediate future.

Thank you, Anne, and we welcome your help.

Training for Lectors (Readers) and Eucharistic Ministers coming December Saturday

Dec 4th starting at 9am in the church. Lector training should only take about 20 minutes.

Eucharistic Minister training will follow at 9:30am for about half an hour. Alternate training date/time is Wednesday 10:30am Dec. 8th. All who are interested in becoming Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or both should see Rev. Allison to let her know how many to plan for training.

Stewardship Campaign Nov 7 – Nov 30: Our theme this year is “And the Beat Goes On!” –

You are the heartbeat of our faith community, and we thank you for the support and love you continue to share with God, each other, and our church as we live out our mission to “love and serve” as Jesus taught us. Please prayerfully consider your estimated giving for the coming year. [You can Pledge Online](#) or use the mailed pledge card.

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service Nov. 25th at 10:30am – Joan Strom's family will be baptizing her great-grand daughter, Finley, as we give thanks for the blessings of our lives including our family, our feast, and our faith. All are welcome to come give thanks to God for all that God has done for us.

Helpers wanted to get the Advent/Christmas decorations out and up on Saturday Nov.

27th at 9am. If you have an hour to spare, we could use your help as we decorate for Advent and Christmas in/around the church.

Coats for Kids of Cochise County – The Big Red Box on our porch is for donations of coats for kids in our county. Please donate new or gently used, clean coats. Donations can be made from now through Dec 15th. All sizes of kids thru young adult.

Advent Study – “I Witness” – Booklets available on table near front door of church.

Adult forum to discuss each week's readings Sat 4pm and Sunday 12:30pm starting on November 28th. One book per household please. All are welcome and encouraged to join the discussion.

The church is in need of recommendations for a janitor (sexton). Our current sexton has completed her time with us at the end of October. The contract would be for a total of 6 hours a month (two 3-hour sessions every other week) for a total of \$120/month.

Changing Hours: Sunday Worship time will change Nov 7th to 11am start time. Adult forum will move to 12:30am start. Rev. Allison's office hours will be Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9am to 3pm starting Nov. 3rd.

ALL Worshippers – Please recycle your bulletins for Advent. They will be reused each week with new lectionary inserts.