

ADVENT WEEK 2 INSERT

Sat. 4 Dec 5pm & Sun. 5 Dec 11am

Peace



This weekend's Servers:

Sat 5 pm:

LEM: Maryjane Mahland

Lector: Robin St, Clair

Sun 11 am:

LEM: Nancy Rea

Lector: Sherry Simon

Prelude: "Joy", by Doreen Oberg 2020, Based on Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Opening Hymn "Prepare the way of the Lord " (Taize) x 3

G #330

Advent Wreath lighting: O Come O Come Emmanuel vs. 3 & 4

#56

Closing Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry

#76

Postlude: "Angels We Have Heard On High" Lani Smith, Based on Gloria a traditional

French carol

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Canticle 16 The Song of Zachariaiah *(Read aloud in unison)*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set
them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty
savior,
born of the house of his servant
David.**

**Through his holy prophets he
promised of old,
that he would save us from our
enemies, from the hands of all
who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our
fathers and to remember his
holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our
father Abraham, to set us free
from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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 3:1-6

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

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.

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.

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.

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