



## The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

9:00am December 1, 2024

**Prelude** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People by G. Bohm

**Tolling of the Bell & Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Opening Hymn #56 vv. 1-2** O come, O come, Emmanuel *Standing, sung by all*

### Baptismal Acclamation

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**  
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

**Gradual Hymn #66** Come, thou long expected Jesus *Standing, sung by all*

### Gospel Luke 21:25-36

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane

*Seated*

### Station of the Crèche

*All children are invited to come forward for the Station of the Crèche. They will be invited to join the procession to the font for the Baptism so all our kids can see.*

### Procession to the Font

**Hymn #473 vv. 1-2** Lift High the Cross *Standing, sung by all*

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates *BCP p. 301*

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
*The Celebrant asks questions of the parents and godparents.*

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and re-new our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant *BCP p. 304*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as your self?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### Prayers for the Candidate

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.  
*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant continues the blessing the water.*  
*At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.*

### The Baptism

*BCP p. 307*

### Procession to the Lord's Table

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*All* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### The Peace

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

*Standing*

### Announcements

**Offertory Music** Just a Closer Walk with Thee *Standing, sung by all*  
I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long —As I walk, let me walk close to thee.

*Refrain:* Just a closer walk with thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snare, If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, let it be

*[Refrain]*

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er—To Thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

*[Refrain]*

**The Offering** *You may give your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or give online [stgeorgesdayton.org](http://stgeorgesdayton.org) or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

### Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

*BCP p.367*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues with Preface...* 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:

**S125 Sanctus** "S" denotes "Service Music" section at front of Hymnal  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer...*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*People* **Have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*People* **Have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*People* **Grant us your peace.**

### Directions for receiving Holy Communion

- All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer instead of drinking from the chalice, lay ministers with small intinction cups will be available on both sides. The larger chalices are only for drinking.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please pass the lay ministers and return directly to your pew.

### Communion Music Here I Am to Worship

#### Prayer after Communion

*Kneeling, BCP p.366*

**Almighty and everliving 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 for ever. Amen.**

#### Advent Blessing

*Standing, sung by all*

**Closing Hymn #57 vv. 1-2** Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

#### Dismissal

*Deacon* gives a dismissal

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Savior of the Nations Come by J. Pachelbel

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# The Weekly Messenger

## ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Envelopes are located in the pews and Welcome Lounge, the donation amount is voluntary. Checks should be made out to St. George's with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Please include the name(s) of those in whose honor/memory the flowers are given. Memorials will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins if received by **Sunday, December 15.**



## GIVING TREE



St. George's is once again partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County. We've committed to helping 56 children from 16 families, via the tree in our Welcome Lounge. Ornaments listing each child's age, gender and suggested items will be available on Dec. 1. If you would like to make a child's Christmas a little brighter, please sign out an ornament with one of our helpful volunteers. There is a \$30 maximum per child. Wrapped gifts (with corresponding ornaments attached) must be returned by Sun., Dec. 8. Questions? Contact Sharon Oldham ([soldham@woh.rr.com](mailto:soldham@woh.rr.com) or 937-829-1517).

## FELLOWSHIP AT LOOSE ENDS BREWERY

Dec. 19 from 4-6pm join your church family for a time of casual fellowship at Loose Ends Brewing Company, located in Centerville.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT, LUMINARY WALK, & LIVE NATIVITY



Please join us for St. George's Christmas Concert on **Sunday Dec. 15 from 5-6pm.** This free concert features the music of local Sand Dollar Music Studio. After the concert grab some hot chocolate and enjoy the luminary walk and live nativity.



## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Stay after the 11:00 service on **Sun. Dec. 22** to help decorate St. George's for Christmas and enjoy festive refreshments at coffee hour.



# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIDE AT ST. GEORGE'S

## Sunday, December 8 (Second Sunday of Advent)

9:00am—Holy Eucharist

10:00am—Education for all ages – LAST DAY OF PROGRAM YEAR

11:00am—Holy Eucharist



## Sunday, December 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)

9:00am & 11:00am—Holy Eucharist

5:00pm - 6:00pm – Christmas Concert, Luminary Walk & Live Nativity

This free concert features the music of Sand Dollar Music Studio. After the concert grab some hot cocoa and enjoy the luminary walk and live nativity, put on by our youth and children's ministry families.

## Sunday, December 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:00am & 11:00am—Holy Eucharist

Noon—**Hanging of the Greens**

Stay after the 11:00am service to help decorate St. George's for Christmas!

## Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

6:30pm – Musical Prelude feat. St. George's Praise Team & The Miami Valley Brass

7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service w/ Holy Communion

\*\*Nursery for ages 3 & under available

\*\*Bring diapers & wipes which will be donated to a local women's shelter

9:30pm – Musical Prelude, featuring St. George's Choir & The Miami Valley Brass

10:00pm – Festive Holy Eucharist (w/ incense)

\*\*Nursery closed at this service.

\*\*Bring diapers & wipes which will be donated to a local women's shelter

## Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)—

Merry Christmas! No services scheduled.

## December 29 (First Sunday of Christmas)

9:00am & 11:00am—Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

## January 5 (Second Sunday of Christmas)

9:00am & 11:00am—Holy Eucharist



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