



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30A

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 4, 2022

WELCOME

WORSHIP

The Holy Eucharist – readings from and responses to the Bible and the celebration of Holy Communion – is the central act of Sunday worship in the Episcopal Church. This leaflet contains the text and hymns necessary to participate in this service.

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The Word of God

INTROIT Prepare a Way for the Lord

Children's Choir

HYMN 616 Hail to the Lord's anointed

ES FLOG EIN KLEINES WALDVÖGELEIN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant The Baptist's voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord,"

he who will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclose the

purposes of the heart. As salvation dawns upon us, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith. (Silence)

All 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;

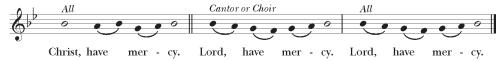
that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON







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.

All Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People Amen.

Lector A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM Deus, judicium

72: 1-7, 18-19

- All I Give the Kingyour justice, O God,* and your righteousness to the King's Son;
 - 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
 - 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!* and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING Areading from the Letter to the Romans

15: 4-13

Lector For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

THE GOSPEL 3: 1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I bentize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful then Lie coming after me."

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY The Rev. Terence Gleeson, Priest for Liturgy and Formation

We pray for those...

In need of comfort

The people of Ukraine The community of Uvalde

John Burns Benjamin Sue Dockery Branch Sharon

Asa Steele

Joseph Wilwerding

Amy Rogers Jim Holcomb Owen Jim Prentice Nancy

Karen Parnell David Todd Wallace Susie Piaget Steve

Lynette Brannon

Katie

Melissa Grubb Susie Watson Nancy **Bob Malouf** Pam Bell Larry Gregory Neff

Coleman Horton Barbara Eckert

Ernie Dean

Julie Harrington

Michael

Taylor Holland family

Jones family

Taylor family

See family

Brown family

Starley family

Ryan family

Toler family

Milstead family

Neff family

Celebrant Let us profess our faith.

All 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 [5]

Celebrant: With confidence in the nearness of our God, let us pray for the church and the world.

Leader: May the coming of our God clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts,

making a new creation of us and our world. Hear us O Lord,

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: May our gracious God always console and comfort us, nourish our deepest hungers,

and guide us in ways of justice and peace. Hear us O Lord,

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: May we find in the deserts of our lives a new Jordan, a stream of blessing that bears

forgiveness, refreshment and joy. Hear us O Lord,

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: For Andy, Jeff, Hector, Kai and Scott, our Bishops, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and

all leaders of the Christian community; may the God of John the Baptist raise up holy prophets in our midst, voices to challenge us to greater integrity and truthfulness.

Hear us O Lord,

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need

especially Hear us O Lord,

People: For your mercy is great..

Leader: May God, who is our future, hold those who have died in the embrace of faithful love,

especially those for whom we now pray Together may we see a new heaven and a new

earth. Hear us O Lord,

People: For your mercy is great.

Celebrant: Recall us to our own baptism, O Lord, and hear the prayers we make for the people

and the world you love and call your own, for we pray in the name of the one who came

in your name, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,

to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1: 78-79

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Expecting the birth of a child

Shelby Umstattd Barnes
Susie Ganapathy
Wendy Harvey
Rima Burrus
Jessica Starley
Molly Johnson
Chelsea Jenkins Myers
Laura Hur Betancourt
Eleanor Hallmark
Laura Leigh Atkins
Elizabeth Jones Saenz
Cile Scott Freundt
Rachael Quisenberry
Ashton Barksdale

Births

Charles Lorient Little Lily Gregory Grace Ann Corrigan Carlyle Elaine Covert

Caroline Babb Kapsner

Blair Hunter Nelson

Deaths

Pat Jones

Serving in the armed forces

Caleb Hayen Shay Archer Alexandra Mauro Michael Hart Nico Barrangan Joseph Turner Davis Brown Jim Lively Andrew Gray Claten Bechtol Zachary Pierce

The altar flowers...

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The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

A spotless Rose is blowing Sprung from a tender root, Of ancient seers' foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing, Whereof Isaiah said, Is from its sweet root springing In Mary, purest Maid; For through our God's great love and might The blessed babe she bare us In a cold, cold winter's night.

ANTHEM A Spotless Rose

Herbert Howells

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

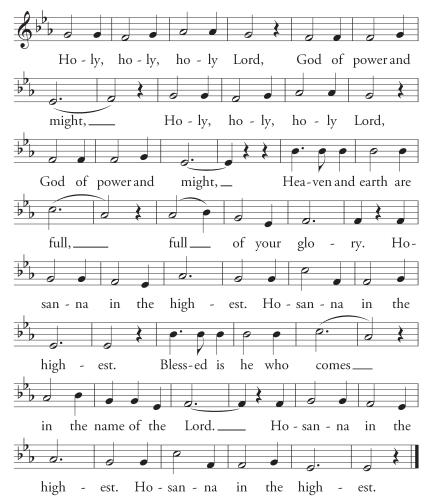
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE OF ADVENT (p.378)

SANCTUS Franz Peter Schubert

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

(P.361)

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died,

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.

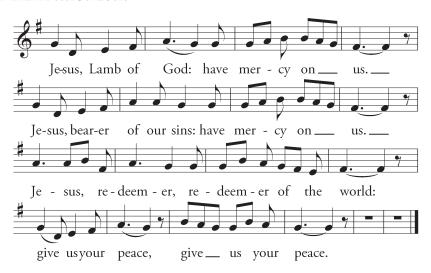
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI Franz Peter Schubert



Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God

THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM There was a Man named John

HYMN 321 My God, thy table now is spread

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

About Communion
We are an open and inclusive

community, committed to the

Church, and to welcoming all to

Russell Schulz unity of Christ's Body, the

ROCKINGHAM

(P.365)

the Table of the Lord. Gluten free wafers are always available. If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come

forward and cross your arms against your chest.

To receive Holy Communion

If you are mobility impaired, you are invited to sit near the front of the church, on the right-hand side. You may remain in your seat and Holy Communion will be brought to you by one of the clergy.

Holy Communion is distributed both at the altar rails and at a station in front of the pulpit.

Gluten free hosts are available at the altar rails: simply tell the priest of your requirements.

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BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you People And also with you

Celebrant Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,

and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;

and the blessing of Almighty God, + Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you forever

People Amen.

HYMN 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people

PSALM 42

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Comfort, Comfort Ye my People

Georg Böhm

Liturgy Notes: The Coming of Christ

While "Advent" has always been a season of preparation for Christ's coming, over the centuries the time, place and nature of that coming have become somewhat blurred. In Rome, the liturgical year once began logically with Jesus' birth at Christmas, and ended with a season of reflection on the end times and Jesus' second coming in glory. The prayers and readings counseled the faithful to 'stay awake,' to be alert and watchful: this had nothing to do with Christmas, everything to do with judgment. Not surprisingly, this was a time of fasting and penitence, and it explains why the liturgical color of this time of year was once black: it was serious! The Orthodox churches retains much of this approach to the last weeks of the year.

Later centuries, however, saw a shift in understanding: the focus was less on looking to the second coming of Christ, and more on preparing for his first coming, at Bethlehem. The Advent season as we now celebrate it holds both of these themes in tension. Nowhere is that more evident than in the first Advent Collect, which speaks of casting away the works of darkness and putting 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." Likewise, the Preface of Advent refers both to Jesus' redeeming us from sin and death AND to his coming again "in power and great triumph to judge the world." The scripture readings, too, move from the uncertainty surrounding the "coming of the Son of Man" to the specificity of John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph.

Ultimately both of these two comings of Christ serve the one purpose, to prepare us for a third coming of Christ: the hope and prayer that Jesus will find a home within our hearts and minds. As we sing in St Patrick's Breastplate Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

CALENDAR

WEEK OF 12.05-12.11

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 7:00a Online Morning Prayer, online
- 6:30p-8:00p Men's Bible and Brew, Windsor, vestry room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 7:00a Online Morning Prayer, online
- 9:30a Mom's Bible Study, Windsor, media room
- 1:30p Transitions Women's Bible Study, *Windsor, media room*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 7:00a Online Morning Prayer, online
- · Wednesdays on Windsor, Windsor

5:00p-7:00p – Dinner, Windsor, PLC

5:30p-6:00p - Healing Service, Windsor, nave chapel

5:30p-6:00p – Youth Choir, Windsor, choir room

6:30p – An evening with St. Nicholas, *Windsor, nave*

6:45p-7:30p – Evensong Choir Rehearsal,

Windsor, choir room

7:30p-9:00p – Good Shepherd Adult Choir Rehearsal, Windsor, choir room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 7:00a Online Morning Prayer, online
- 10:00a Thursday Forum and Bible Study, Windsor, vestry room + online
- 11:00a Women on the Journey, Windsor, media room + online
- 12:15-12:45p Advent Organ Recital Series, featuring Chase Peterson, *Windsor, nave*
- 6:30p-9:00p Education for Ministry (EfM), Windsor, vestry room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

• 7:00a – Online Morning Prayer, online

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 9:00a Altar Guild, Windsor
- 9:30a-1:00p Advent Quiet Day, the Hill

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 8:00a Holy Eucharist, Windsor, nave
- 9:00a Lectionary Reflection Group, online
- 9:00a Lectionary Reflection at the Hill, the Hill, parish hall
- 9:15a The Hill Pickup Choir, the Hill
- 9:15a Early Church, Windsor, PLC
- 9:45a Nursery opens, Windsor, nursery
- 10:15a Godly Play drop-off begins, Windsor, education center, 2nd floor
- 10:30a Holy Eucharist with Choir, Windsor, nave (livestreamed)
- 10:30a Communion Café: Holy Eucharist with acoustic band. Windsor. PLC
- 10:30a Holy Eucharist with acoustic band, the Hill
- 11:30a Elements of Worship. Adult Formation, Windsor, administration building, conference room
- 11:30p-1:00p Potluck on the Hill, the Hill, parish hall
- 6:00p Choral Evensong, Windsor, nave



CHRISTMAS EVE | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

2:00p - Holy Eucharist with Children's Choir & Christmas Pageant - Windsor Campus

4:30/5:00p - Carols for Christmas + Holy Eucharist with Good Shepherd Choir & Orchestra - Windsor Campus, Nave + livestreamed at gsaustin.org

4:30p/5:00p - Carols for Christmas + Holy Eucharist with Acoustic Band - Windsor Campus, Parish Life Center

5:30p - Holy Eucharist with Acoustic Band and Christmas music - The Hill

7:30p/8:00p - Carols for Christmas + Holy Eucharist with Good Shepherd Choir & Orchestra - Windsor Campus, Nave + livestreamed at gsaustin.org

10:30p/11:00p - Carols for Christmas + Holy Eucharist with Good Shepherd Choir & Orchestra - Windsor Campus, Nave

CHRISTMAS DAY | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30a - Holy Eucharist - Windsor Campus, Nave + livestreamed at gsaustin.org

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME | SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00a - Holy Eucharist - Windsor Campus, Nave

10:30a - Holy Eucharist - Windsor Campus, Nave + livestreamed at gsaustin.org

10:30a - Holy Eucharist - The Hill

UPCOMING EVENTS

4 TODAY DECEMBER 4

ADVENT SNOW DAY & CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Please join us for some good old fashioned Christmas fun at Good Shepherd's Advent snow day and Christmas tree lighting! We'll start off at 4:00p with snow – yes, real snow, right on Good Shepherd's lawn on Windsor! – holiday food, hot chocolate, caroling, and a concert by our choral scholars followed by a Christmas tree lighting at 6:00p. Bring your family and invite your friends. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

WEDNESDAYS ON WINDSOR - EVENING WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Dinner and activities will begin at 5:00p inside the PLC. In the spirit of giving to others, we will make care packages to give to those in need. The program with St. Nicholas will begin at 6:30p inside the church building. Bring your camera to take pictures with St. Nicholas after the program. Children are invited to wear their pajamas. This will be our last Wednesday on Windsor of 2022. Please register for delicious chef-prepared dinner by scanning the QR code or visit: gsaustin.org/event/wednesdays-on-windsor-2022-12-07.



8 THURSDAY DECEMBER 8

ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL FEATURING CHASE PETERSON

Good Shepherd Music Ministry is pleased to present the first annual Advent Organ Recital Series. Talented Austin performers will offer fun, seasonal 30-minute programs every Thursday in Advent. The second recital features Chase Peterson, *UT graduate student*. The performance starts at 12:15p in the nave on Windsor campus. Admission free.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

ADVENT QUIET DAY

Quiet days are times to enjoy quiet and stillness away from the demands of daily life. Let this mini-retreat give you structure and space for nurturing your spiritual self, similar to the way you take care of other areas of your life. Elizabeth Ann Gates will lead participants through guided reflections, and the morning will conclude with a light lunch. Please register by Wednesday, December 7 by scanning QR code or visit: gsaustin.org/event/advent-quiet-day.



SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND FLOWER DONATIONS DEADLINE

We are fortunate to receive donations that allow us to provide the beautiful poinsettias and outstanding Christmas music for our Christmas Eve worship services. Visit *gsaustin.org* to donate online. For recognition in the Christmas Eve leaflets, donations must be made online or received be received by the Good Shepherd office no later than Sunday, December 11.

EYC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Attention, middle school and high school students! If you like hot cocoa, marshmallows, cookies, and candy canes, then you won't want to miss this night of Christmas-themed games, music, food, and treats on Sunday, December 11, from 6:00p-8:00p in the youth corner. Please RSVP to the Rev. Brin Bon at *brin@gsaustin.org* by December 9.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 13

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

Women of all ages are invited to this beautiful Good Shepherd tradition. Join us for fellowship and merriment in celebration of the Advent season and one another. Drop by or stay the whole time from 4:00-7:00p in the parish life center on the Windsor campus. Please sign up to bring snacks by scanning the QR code or visit: gsaustin.org/event/womens-christmas-tea/



15 THURSDAY DECEMBER 15

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 18

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

We are glad to partner with Rise Against Hunger to pack over 35,000 meals for people facing hunger across the globe. We will have a 10:30a combined worship service in the nave on the Windsor campus, and the pack will begin in the parish life center just after the service ends. The Hill will also worship at 10:30a, with a pack following worship at the Hill. Please dress comfortably and join us – there are roles for people of all ages.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21

THE LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Advent and Christmas are often marked by expressions of joy, excitement and happiness, pointing to the hope that is found in the coming of the Christ child. This time of joy and expectation can sometimes overshadow grief and hurt that many also experience during this season, when the world's merriment puts the sorrow we may be experiencing in stark relief. Please join us for a service of the longest night at 6:30p at Windsor where we will recognize our suffering and loss and acknowledge that our savior remains.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 22

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every week, our Sunday worship is a team effort, involving not just clergy and staff but an array of volunteers. Currently our 9:15a Early Church service needs more volunteers. This service attracts families with very young children and our parents are usually fully occupied with their little ones. We particularly need ushers to help distribute bulletins, show people to their seats and generally assist with service as needed. (Lay eucharistic ministers and vergers are also needed.) It is a delightful service and a joy to share. Please consider signing up to help as you are able. Contact the Rev. Brin Bon at brin@gsaustin.org, or the Rev. Terry Gleeson at terry@gsaustin.org