



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018

"Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ."

An Episcopal Parish in The Diocese of Upper South Carolina The Right Rev. Andrew Waldo, Bishop The Rev. Mark Moline, Interim Priest

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Organ: Savior Of The Nations Come	Georg F. Kauffman
Please stand (as you are able)	
Processional Hymn No. 601:	ST. MICHAEL
O Day Of God, Draw Nigh	

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant:	Prepare the Way of the Lord. Make his path straight.
People:	And all mankind shall see the Salvation of God.

Collect of Purity.BCP 355Celebrant:Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.People:Amen.



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: <i>People:</i> Celebrant:	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.
	Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
People:	Amen.

Please be seated

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

by the Vestry Members

Speaker: Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Now we light the candle for the Third Sunday of Advent. This is the candle of JOY

As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth.

From the Book of Isaiah we read the words of our Lord:

"But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight." Isaiah 65:18

From the New Testament, the words of Paul to the people of the church at Galatia:

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." Galatians 5:22-25

ALL: We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit.

People: Amen

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First Lesson:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Lector:	The Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who / saves me; * I will trust in him and not be a/fraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de/fense, * and he will be my / Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with re/joicing * from the springs of sal/vation. And on that day you shall / say, * Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his / Name; Make his deeds known among the / peoples; * see that they remember that his Name is ex/alted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great / things, * and this is known in all the / world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your / joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of / Israel. 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. A/men.

Second Lesson:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector:	The Word of the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:7-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Celebrant:	The Gospel of the Lord
People:	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Please stand and say together.

The Nicene Creed BCP 358 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: Form	ı III	BCP 387
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Please kneel (as you are able).

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:	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.
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.
People: Please stand	Amen.
The Peace	
Celebrant: People:	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.
	The people are invited to greet those around them with words of peace such as "God's peace" or "Peace be with you."

Please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

The Presentation of the Elements

Offertory Anthem: O Come, O Come, Immanuel.....Natalie Sleeth

The Gallery Choir

O come, Immanuel, come now to us and with Thy people dwell, The world awaits from heaven a holy sign, O come and show us the light divine. O come, Immanuel, As age to age the prophets did foretell; Redeemer, come to save us one and all, Be born again in Bethlehem's manger stall. For Thy coming we prepare, Wisdom from on high, Gracious Spirit, Lord most fair: now to us draw night. O come, Immanuel, And free Thy children, Israel. Be now our hope, our comfort from above, and bless us all with everlasting love.

Please	stand
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The Offertor	y DoxologyOLD HUNDREDT	Ή
The Great Tl	hanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer CBCP 36	59
Celebrant: People:	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	
Celebrant: People:	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
Celebrant: People:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.	
Celebrant:	God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.	*
People:	Glory to you for ever and ever.	
Celebrant:	At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.	
People:	By your will they were created and have their being.	
Celebrant:	From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.	
People:	Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.	
Celebrant:	Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.	
People:	By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.	
Celebrant:	And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:	
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Sanctus S130: Franz P. Schubert

Prayer of Consecration BCP 371

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

- People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.
- Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon

only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

- People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread
- Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
 - All: AMEN.

Celebrant:	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,	
The Lord's	Prayer	BCP 364
	 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, forever and ever. Amen. 	

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebra	•	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;	
Peop	ple:	Therefore let us keep the feast.	
Agnus	Dei		-164
Celebra	ant:	The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembra that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by fa with thanksgiving.	
	If you	All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. do not wish to receive Communion, we encourage you to receive a bless by coming to the altar rail and folding your arms across your chest.	sing
Comm	union	Hymn No. 325:	ON

Let 0	Js Break Bread Together On Our Knees	
Post Communion Prayer		55

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*.

Blessing

The Chiming Of The Trinity

Please stand

Closing Hymn No. 75:ASCENSION				
Dismissal	There's A Voice In The Wilderness Crying			
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Celebrant:	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.			
People:	Thanks be to God.			

Organ: On Jordan's Banks The Baptist's Cry Thomas Gieschen



Welcome Visitors!

PLEASE STOP BY THE VISITOR TABLE

on your way out to sign the Guest Book and take a Welcome Bag as our gift to you.

Prayer for our New Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Church of the Redeemer has a faithful and strong prayer ministry. If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please fill out a form in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or contact the parish office. Please let the parish office know when a name can be removed from our prayers. Thank you for your help in keeping our prayer list up to date!

Please Pray for:

Clifford Bledsoe	Jim Cannon	Brian Hatcher	Neil Massey	Ivy Reed	Marguerite Watson
Kathy Bledsoe	Melody Daniel	Bob Heppe	Evan Mill	Ed Roberts	Bob Weinstein
Mary Beth Bledsoe	Judy Dominick	Hans Paul Himme	l Jack Ohmsen	Erna Samuel	Shirley Williams
Iris Campbell	Frank Garrison	Frank Horger	Jean Ohmsen	Kathy Shugart	Bob Ziuderveen
Ray Campbell	Emily Green	Mary Horger	Tom Oliver	Jackie Smith	James
Richard Caney	Joshua Gregory	Jack Jackson	Lyn Owen	Steven Stillwell	Susan
Claire Cannon	Bev Hardin	Hank Johnson	Charles Owings	Clyde Taylor	

For the Homebound: Mona Ferguson, Marge Howard, Lynne Massengill, Neil Massey, Earlene Nall

For the Repose of the Soul of:

For Our Missionary in the Ukraine: Gary Powell

For the Church: For Wisdom, Guidance, and Discernment

For Our Food For the Poor Representative: Rev. Holly Ostlund

For Our Church: For growth both spiritually and physically

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas, Eastover; St. Stephen's, Ridgeway

For the Men and Women serving in our Military, especially:

Fred Aldrich	Nick Henderson	Chris Mc Dowell
Elijah Johnson	Andrew Lupo	Christopher Tyminiski

For those Studying in Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in College:

Elizabeth Bannio Savanna Bannio Amy Broderick

Matthew Derrick Jacob Hayes Bennett Helm Matthew Howard Thomas Jennings Riley Jernigan

Kaitlyn Massengill Carolyn McCullough

If you know anyone in the hospital, please call Betty Lupo (home: (864) 277-7588, mobile: 901-2776, e-mail: <u>bettyslupo@gmail.com</u>) or the Church Office: 277-4562.

VESTRY					
Sr. Warden	Wallace Lightsey(2018)	Communications	Debbie Bauer(2020)	Membership	Wallace Lightsey(2018)
Jr. Warden	Stephany Austell (2018)	Communications	Wallace Lightsey(2018)	Stewardship	Debbie Bauer(2020)
Building & Grounds	Jason Houston(2020)	Fellowship	Betty Lupo(2018)	Outreach	Stephany Austell(2018)
Christian Ed	Joe Butchko(2019)	Fellowship	Janet Poleski(2019)	Pastoral Care	Meg Coffey(2018)
Finance	Jack Blackburn(2019)			Worship	Judy Planck(2020)



THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Announcements for December 16, 2018

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER!

December 16 to December 22, 2018

Sunday	9:30AM 10:45AM 5:00 PM		
Monday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	ACOA Al Anon	
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Handbells	
Wednesday	10:30 AM 12:00 PM 7:00PM	0	
Thursday	3:00 PM	YAMS	
Friday		Church Office Closed	
Saturday		AA/ALANON Hispanic Services	

The bulletins, announcements, Sermons, Echoes and MORE! can be found on www.corgsc.org

Readings for Sunday, December 23, 2018

First: Micah 5:2-5a Psalm: Canticle 15 Second: Hebrews 10:5-10 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Sunday school classes will meet today. <u>EYC</u> Meets tonight in the Doves Nest



- 19 Mona Ferguson
- 22 Betsy Chiles

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22 Carolyn McCullough

Altar Flower Dedication

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, for our redemption, and for what ever draws us closer to God.



Consider remembering family or friends with a flower dedication!



Redeemer's Rhythm for a Christian Life

- 1. Pray Daily
- 2. Gather in Worship Weekly
- 3. Study Faithfully
- 4. Serve Others
- 5. Share Your Story

Angel Tree at Redeemer

Our Christmas Outreach Project this year will support White Horse Academy. This is a 16 bed residential treatment program for adolescent males ages 13-17 struggling with problems related with substance abuse. The Angel Tree in the Narthex has tags with

gifts that are needed. If you would like to participate, please take a tag with the item that you wish to purchase. If you are buying pajamas, please bring them back wrapped together with the tag on the outside showing the size.

Deadline to bring in your item is no later than Dec. 16

Gifts can be placed under the tree on Sunday morning. please contact the Outreach Committee with any questions.

Join us for CHRISTMAS SERVICES Christmas EVE Monday, December 24

5:30 pm Family Service

10:00 pm Festival Service

CHRISTMAS MORNING



We will <u>not</u> be having a church service on Christmas morning this year. If you need transportation to our Christmas Eve services please contact **Carol Hallman (864) 244.0867 or Greg Brown (864) 346.9124.**



Christmas Pageant

The children and adults look forward to this wonderful tradition at every year. Our pageant will take place on

Christmas Eve at the 5:30 service.

This is for all children and youth.

You do not have to be a member of Redeemer to participate. There are no lines to rehearse or assigned parts all you have to do is show up and pick out a costume. Meet us in the Sanctus room between 4:30 and 5:00

to get into costume.

HOLIDAY Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24, 2018 through Jan. 2, 2019.

If you have any immediate needs to be addressed during this time please contact: Wallace Lightsey (313-0129) or Rev. Mark Moline (864.219-2332).

Have a blessed Advent and a wonderful Christmas!

Adult Sunday School

Get Your Book TODAY!



DEC. 16 & 23 Rick Hankinson will begin leading classes on a book titled "Dog in the Manger" by Episcopal priest Tim Schenck. His humor infuses this short read. You will see yourself in his descriptions. These classes will be on Sundays: Dec: 16 and Dec. 23. Get your books on Dec.2 in the transept (\$10 recommended book donation to Rick Hankinson).

We will begin with a new topic in January. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for Adult Sunday School, and in particular how we can make it more interesting and appealing to you!

2019 Vestry Information



The Episcopal Church Canons allow a church that is without a rector to ask the Bishop to allow the outgoing vestry or wardens to stay in office past the end of their term until a new rector is called.

At the November meeting the Vestry adopted a resolution to make this request of the Bishop. Through an email to Rev. d'Rue Hazel we have received permission from Bishop Waldo for Wallace Lightsey to stay on as the Vestry

Senior Warden, and Stephany Austell to stay on as the Vestry Junior Warden. They will stay on in their current positions until a Rector is chosen.



Please be sure to thank and encourage Wallace & Stephany as they begin their extended stay on Vestry.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting to elect our convention delegates and welcome our new Vestry members will be on Sunday, January 20, 2019, immediately following the conclusion of the 9:30am service. Please plan to attend this important meeting and welcome our 2019 Vestry.



All members of the 2019 Vestry will be installed on Sunday, January 6, 2019. The first Vestry meeting of 2019 will be the annual retreat on January 11 & 12. Keep them in your prayers as they make decisions for the parish.

	LEADERS THIS WEEK	LEADERS NEXT WEEK	
9:30 AM		9:30 AM	
Verger	Jack Blackburn	Wallace Lightsey	
Usher	Robbie & Beth Hamilton David Mill / Amos Irwin	David Mill Wallace Lightsey	
Acolytes	Ryan Ginn George Poleski John Helm	Robin Mill Sadie Butchko Sarah Meade William Meade	
Lector I	Bill Heizer	David Mill	
Lector II	Ted Sanders	Robin Mill	
Second Chalice	Dot Sanders	Bill Lee	
Altar Guild	Judy Planck / Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey / Judy Derrick	Sandy Oliver / Carolyn Prosio Cindy Wilson / Janet Poleski	
Greeters	Cynthia & Bruce Eason	Lee Quinn / Jack Jackson	
Flower Guild	Lauren McCullough	All Arrangers	
Counters	Counters Carol Hallman Steve Webb / Jane Bouto		

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