

The First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

Welcome!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, please fill out a Guest Information Card and drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy: cards may be found on clipboards throughout the building. We'll get information to you as soon as possible. *Thank you for being part of the community this morning!*

References marked *BCP* are for pages in *The Book of Common Prayer (red hardback book);* those marked *Hymnal* refer to hymns in *The Hymnal 1982 (blue hardback book).*

You are invited to check in on social media.

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Entrance Hymn Hymnal 61 Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us (v. 1,3)

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now

and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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. Amen.

Kyrie Hymnal S96

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Advent Wreath Lighting

One candle is lit by a member of the congregation while the following prayer is read.

Bless to our use, O God, this circle of light. Let it reveal all your hopes and dreams, as we prepare for the great feast of the Incarnation. Let the passage of these days and the prayers of our hearts draw us deeper into the mystery of love so that Christmas finds us awake and ready to love the world in your name. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 22:14-16

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.

Psalm 25:1-9

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.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

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.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

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.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The 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.

Sequence Hymn Gather 139
Wait for the Lord (4 times)

The Holy 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.

Homily

The Rev. Bruce Gray

The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

You make us glad, oh God, in your desire to dwell among us;

We rejoice that the very air around us stirs and announces your Advent.

We pray for your Church

Alive and waiting, gazing east and feeling the wind of your approaching wings.

We pray for the multitudes of people who, day by day, become Church; we pray for deacons, for priests, and for bishops. Make us all beacons of your coming: Your hands where strength is needed. Your heart where love has grown thin. The emblem of rejoicing in heaven when there is cause for rejoicing on earth. We ask that you will hear us and attend patiently as we convey our needs and our thanks, things spoken aloud or held in the silence of our hearts:

We pray for those who serve as leaders in this worldlocal, national, global: Make them good guides in caring for this earth and advocates for true peace among all people.

Give them wisdom and kind hearts. Make them zealous for the common good and clear-headed in our common woes.

We pray for all people of this earth: For those who are lost and for those who have found themselves in you. For those who sit in fear and for those who stand in hope. For those at margins of life, and for those who work to draw them toward the center. For those who suffer illness or tragedy or loss or sorrow, and for those who have cause for celebration. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and clergy of St. Timothy's, Indianapolis. In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Manuszak/O'Shaughnessey, Mitchell, and Mowry families and for those who serve as Children's Ministry.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own prayers and thanksgivings, aloud or silently.

Tend the sick, O Christ, soothe the suffering, and shield the joyous.

Hold their gaze in the warmth of your hand, that they may look upon you and rejoice.

We pray for those who have died, that they may know eternal joy in your presence. And we pray for those who mourn, who await your joyous coming in the midst of tears.

Shine upon them, O God of Mercy, that even in death they may find Life; that even in sadness they may see your coming and find new hope.

Keep us mindful that your Kingdom lives within us, and that we are, in every moment, the pulse and warmth of your coming among us.

Rise up, O God, like the dawn; fall on us like the dew of morning. Keep us looking east, that we should not miss the brilliant moment of your arrival. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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.

Absolution

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. **Amen**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Gather 143 God of All People

Doxology Hymnal 380 (v. 3) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up vour hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise. People

Then, the Celebrant proceeds

Blessed are you, Strong and faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning, your Word summoned light: night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.

When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, You created in your image man and woman, the crown of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we chant the ageless hymn of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All holy God,

how wonderful are the works of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer: he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death. he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Holy One, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the body and blood of Christ.

On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: Take this all of you, and eat it; This is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy One, we commemorate Jesus, your Son, as we offer you this sacrifice. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. May his coming in glory find us ever-watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, Your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to this world. Lord of the living and the dead, awaken those fallen asleep in faith to the undying light of pardon and peace, especially those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned.

Gather them all into communion

with Mary, Joseph, and with all your saints. Then, at last, will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Sanctus Hymnal S124

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, following the Great Amen the congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed

for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation

All Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you wish only a blessing, please so indicate to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. A gluten free option is available for those who need it, simply let the priest or Deacon know at the time you are to receive the bread.

Communion

Hymnal 56 (v.1,2,3,7,8) O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Post-communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

The Priest will pronounce a final blessing

Dismissal Hymn

Hymnal 72

Hark! The Glad Sound

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia,

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Announcements:

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.

You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Updates:

The COVID-19 vaccine for kids age 5-11 is now available at Fishers Mass Vaccination Clinic. Beginning at 8 AM on November 4th, parents can schedule appointments for their child at ourshot.in.gov or by calling 2-1-1. fishers.in.us/vaccine If you are already vaccinated, please encourage your loved ones to get vaccinated by sharing this information with them.

Masks required at Holy Family: Based on CDC guidelines, Holy Family requires masks for everyone during worship and other indoor events, except for those under age 2. Fortunately fully-vaccinated people are at a very low risk of serious COVID illnesses, but Holy Family wants to be considerate of people who cannot be vaccinated due to age

or medical conditions. Feel free to contact Fr. Bruce or any other members of the Holy Family Regathering Team if you have any questions. bgray@hfec.org

WORSHIP

Behind the Scenes Opportunities: Preparing the church for worship is a crucial and meaningful task that needs more helping hands. The Altar Guild is open to everyone from teens on up regardless of age or gender, and it is a fun and supportive group to join. For more information, please contact Fr. Bruce or any Altar Guild member. bgray@hfec.org

Advent Wreath Volunteers & Christmas Serving Roles: At the beginning of each Advent service, Holy Family invites a household or small group to light the candle(s) for the week and recite a prayer. Please sign up online to help with this tradition at either the 8 AM or 10 AM service on Sundays between November 28th and December 19th or to help with any serving roles for Christmas. If you prefer, you may contact the church office to volunteer for any of these roles. admin@hfec.org

Christmas Greenery Donations: Each year the Sanctuary is decorated with beautiful Christmas flowers and greenery. Parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider donating money to pay for these items. Those who do will be thanked in the Christmas bulletins. Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex and are due December 19th.

Choir Rehearsals: Weekly rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7-8 PM. The choir has begun singing again during the 10 AM service. New singers are wanted and welcome! No need to audition or sign up - simply come to rehearsal. Choir is fun and flexible at Holy Family, so please reach out to Bethany if you have any questions! musicministry@hfec.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Everyday Evangelism at Adult Forum: During each of the Sundays in Advent, at 9 AM Adult Forum there will be a presentation and discussion about how parishioners can be invite, welcome, and connect with people who have not yet discovered Holy Family. Each Sunday will be a stand-alone unit, so attending all sessions is not at all required. The coffee and conversation will be invigorating! Contact Fr. Bruce with any questions or ideas. bgray@hfec.org

OUTREACH

Letters of Support For Nickel Plate Trail: The City of Fishers has asked Holy Family to write emails in support of the Nickel Plate Trail to aid the city in getting grants to fund improvements to it. Holy Family could very well benefit from trail improvements included in this fall's grant application to

the state of Indiana, since the trail is on the church's eastern border. Please send supportive emails to Megan Schaefer, Planning Director.

schaeferm@fishers.in.us

Be a Part of Something New!: Holy Family is developing a new outreach program to support and encourage the teaching staff at Fishers Elementary School. "Adopt-a-Teacher" is designed to give a little extra boost to some hard-working teachers whose jobs have been made more difficult in this time of COVID - uncertainties in regard to health, staff shortages, and pressure to work miracles with stressed students have put new pressures on teachers' morale. How can you help? Holy Family parishioners and friends are asked to sign up and to work as small teams with a small group of teachers. You may send notes of encouragement and small gifts, classroom snacks, and masks, provide a listening ear, help supply monthly coffee and snacks for teachers, aides, and resource specialists, and any number of other helpful gestures your adopted teachers may need. Talk to Susie Beard, Lorri Batesky, or Cathy Gray for more information. To sign up, either as an individual (you can be connected with others to form a team) or with a team of friends, please contact Lorri in the church office. admin@hfec.org

Food Pantry Donations: Holy Family is once again taking donations for the Delaware Township Food Pantry. Parishioners are invited to bring canned fruits, canned meats, chunky soups, peanut butter and jelly, pastas and pasta sauces, crackers, snacks, household cleaners, laundry detergent, bleach, and personal hygiene items. This list includes suggestions, but any canned or nonperishable item is gratefully received. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets near the coat racks in the Narthex during Sunday worship hours.

MINISTRY GATHERINGS

Reading the World Book Club: The Zoom discussion will be Tuesday, December 14th at 2 PM. New participants are always welcome to the book group. Contact the Rev. Cathy Gray for more information. bgray@hfec.org

FELLOWSHIP

Breakfast with St. Nicholas: Holy Family invites children and adults to join St. Nicholas for breakfast on Saturday, December 4th from 9-11 AM in the parish hall. Members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will cook and serve breakfast. St. Nicholas will make an appearance, share stories from his life, pose for selfies, and hand out goodies to the children. This free event will also feature model railroad displays, as well as crafts and games that illustrate the life of this bishop and saint who was the inspiration for Santa Claus. Please RSVP by November 30th if you plan to

attend, and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. Holy Family welcomes all!

Greening of the Church: On Sunday, December 19th at 4 PM the annual greening of the church will be held when the church is decorated for Christmas. Children are welcome to attend and are expected to remain with their parents and help decorate. There is no childcare provided for this event. Following the decorating, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will host its annual spaghetti dinner as a thank you for your hard work. All are welcome!

OTHER NEWS

Holy Family Shirt Orders: A new t-shirt and sweatshirt order is available at tinyurl.com/HFECmerch. Choose shirts for your whole family to show your Holy Village pride! Youth and adult sizes are available in the short-sleeved t-shirt AND the sweatshirt/hoodie. Please place orders by December 1st. Orders will arrive by December 18th...just in time for Christmas! Contact Ruth Everett with questions. youthministry@hfec.org

Nominations Open for Vestry: Holy Family is seeking three candidates to serve on its Vestry, the nine-member board that advances and supports the mission of the congregation by ensuring effective organization and planning, and managing its resources and finances. Candidates must be at least 16 years old, have been baptized in any Christian denomination, and have been faithful in giving of their time, talent, and treasure to the congregation and in their participation in worship. Two-thirds of the Vestry members must have been confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church. If you have an interest in working cooperatively with others for the furthering of God's mission for Holy Family, especially in helping Holy Family grow in outreach, membership, welcoming, and faithfulness, please contact Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org for more information. You may fill out the vestry application HERE.

Annual Stewardship Drive Underway: Keep an eye on your mailbox for this year's letter asking for everyone's support of the parish's 2022 budget. All of the parish income is given by parishioners, so the possibilities for ministries in 2022 are completely up to everyone to support. All the materials are also available online at HolyFamilyFishers.org, and everyone is asked to pledge by December 12th.

<u>Donating to Holy Family Online</u>: Make contribution via tinyurl.com/HFECdonate and The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will absorb 100% of the payment processing fee, so every cent you give will go to Holy Family. Be sure to select Holy Family in the drop-down menu. Everyone's support of God's work through Holy Family is needed and very appreciated.

Holy Family Financials Through October 31st: Parishioner and Preschool Contributions \$162,686 Expenses \$183,977 \$-21,291 Shortfall

<u>Prayer List:</u> Barb, Jill, Charlie, Phil, Ann, Carla, Judy, James, Susan and David, Bud, Angela, Renee, Butch, Linda, Andrew, Eileen, John, Kelsey, Jeremiah, Cathy, Francia and Susan

Upcoming Events:

Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays 7-8 PM Feast of St. Andrew: December I 7 PM

Breakfast with St. Nicholas: December 4 9-11 AM Angel Tree Items Due: December 12th 10 AM Stewardship Pledges Due: December 12th 10 AM Book Club Zoom: December 14th 2 PM Greening the Church: December 19th 4 PM Children's Christmas Service: December 24th 5 PM

Midnight Mass: December 24th 11 PM Jammie Church: December 25th 10 AM

Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: The Rev. Bruce Gray Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray Music Director: Bethany Paden

Organist/Pianist: Doug & Heather Tannas

Greeter: TBD

Ushers: Bob French, Joe Spangler

Readers: Tina Vawter, TBD, Bob Murray, Greta Wilson

Prayers: Betty Bogeman, Barb Spangler

Acolytes: Joe Spangler, Matthew Beard, Sarah Beard, Alexa

Paden

LEV: Kristin Canter

Almoners: Stephen Beard, Bob Murray

Welcome: Greta Wilson Altar Guild: Carol Bruns

Thanks Be to God

- Those who contribute financially to support the ministry and worship offerings of Holy Family
- Ben Paden, Fred and Sharon Naatz for their continued work with livestreaming Holy Family's worship services
- Those who volunteered to help with the Fall Bazaar: Cheryl/Patrick/Lexi Burke, Jolene/Matt Johnston, Marcus Dial, Marty Blake, Stephen Canter, and Cathy French
- Those who donated items to this year's Thanksgiving Basket Ministry; Joe Spangler for delivering the baskets to the Township Trustee's Office

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