



Holy Family Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

Welcome!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, you can 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); those marked Gather refer to hymns in the songbook Gather (blue paperback book).

You are invited to check in on social media.

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 58

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

**1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

**2 Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

**3 Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;**

**4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.**

**5 For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.**

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

**7 Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.**

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.**

**9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good."**

The Second Reading *Romans 13:11-14*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Hymnal 615* *Thy Kingdom Com! On Bended Knee (v. 1,2,3)*

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 24:36-44*

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as

in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest 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; In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and people of St. Timothy's, Indianapolis. We pray for Michael, our presiding Bishop; Jennifer our Bishop; 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 world - local, 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 parish cycle of prayer we pray for we pray for the Everett, Ewing, and Farrell families, and for those who serve as our Daughters of the King Ministries.

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, especially Patricia, Vicki & John, Loralin, Tim, Ian, Kathleen, Cali, Chrissy, Laurie and Matt, Roy, Dana, Kristine, Chris, John, Jeanie, Bill, Stephen, Rikka, Julie, Beth, Katja, Adam, Helen, Phyllis, Linda, Harry, Barb, Karen, and Charlie; soothe the suffering, O Lord, 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.

Confession of Sin

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and 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. **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

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
arr. Stephen Decesare

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.

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 him thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S124

Celebrant and People

**Holy, 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.

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.

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

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.**

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you, and feed on him in your
hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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 know at the time you are to receive the
bread.*

Communion

*Hymnal 53
Once He Came in Blessing*

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

Dismissal Hymn

*Hymnal 73
The King Shall Come (v. 1,3,5)*

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*All are welcome to hospitality and fellowship in the
Parish Hall.*

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.

WORSHIP

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family has a weekly podcast that focuses on the Bible readings for each week. New podcasts will be released HERE each Tuesday in preparation for the following Sunday.

MINISTRY GATHERINGS

New Ministry Ideas Encouraged: Fr. Bruce is offering a new way to encourage parishioners to offer ideas for new ministries. He is calling it the Holy Family "Start Up Circle" which will consist of clergy, wardens, and others who would be helpful in fleshing out both the broad concepts of potential new projects as well as developing the details needed to be considered to make the new ministry a success. Contact Fr. Bruce bgray@hfec.org for more information about the Holy Family Start Up Circle.

Music & Meditation: This program will be offered the first Sunday of every month for several months (until there are no more records to listen to). During each gathering you will get a brief introduction to a recording and have the opportunity to listen to the full vinyl record. The next gathering will be held at 7 PM on Sunday, December 4th. This is an opportunity to hear interpretations of the divine from a wide variety of artists. Learn more about the program holyfamilyfishers.org/records/. All are welcome!

Reading the World Book Group: In December the book is Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi, born in Ghana and raised in Alabama. Hers is an 18th century story of two half-sisters, one who marries into wealth, the other sold into slavery. Where in such a world is home...and how will each woman find it? Homegoing will be the subject of conversation on Wednesday, December 14th, also at 1 PM. Reading the World will be on break in the month of January. To receive Zoom details, contact Bruce Gray or visit holyfamilyfishers.org/bookclub/

Explore Ministry Opportunities at Holy Family: Holy Family offers a variety of opportunities for you to apply your talents, get involved in the work of the church, meet other parishioners, serve God, and grow spiritually. Take the Ministry Interest Survey at tinyurl.com/hfecministrymatch to explore more than two dozen ministry opportunities – everything from Altar Guild to Vestry. You may select the ministries that interest you and be contacted by the leaders of those ministry teams to provide you more details about how you can participate. The survey takes less than three minutes to complete. Your information will be shared only if you choose to share it, and only with ministry team leaders at Holy Family. All are welcome!

Fr. Bruce Continues to be Available For Visitations: Whether there is a particular crisis, another need, or if you would simply like a one-on-one conversation with Fr. Bruce, please contact him on his cell (317-363-6412) or email (bgray@hfec.org) and he will respond ASAP. He visits people in their hospital rooms, homes, coffee houses, Holy Family,

and miscellaneous other locations. One of a priest's greatest joys is getting to better know each parishioner.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Forum - The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his daughter, the Rev. Mpho Tutu, continues to be the focus of the Adult Forum at 9 AM on Sunday mornings. This week the focus will be on Chapters 6 & 7, on granting forgiveness, and renewing or releasing relationships. No prior participation in this book discussion is needed. For more information, contact Fr. Bruce (bgray@hfec.org).

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Weekend: On Sunday, November 27th, there will be no Sunday school classes for grades PreK-12. Adult Forum will still be held on Thanksgiving weekend. Classes will resume for all ages at 9 AM on Sunday, December 4th.

OUTREACH

Angel Tree Ministry: Please visit tinyurl.com/HFECAngelTree2022 to purchase items that will be given to students and their family members at Fishers Elementary School. All unwrapped gift items must be returned to church by Sunday, December 11th. Bless your generosity!

Food Pantry Needs: In support of the Delaware Township Food Pantry, Holy Family parishioners are invited to donate canned goods, household cleaners and personal hygiene items. The food pantry especially needs creamed corn, size 3 & 6 diapers, tomato paste, baking mixes, Sloppy Joe mix, canned chicken and chili, canned fruit, cream of chicken and chunky soups, canned & boxed meals, oatmeal, pasta & pasta sauce, sugar, cooking oil, flour and rice. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets near the coat racks in the church lobby during Sunday worship hours.

FELLOWSHIP

Breakfast with St. Nicholas: Holy Family invites children and adults to join St. Nicholas for breakfast on Saturday, December 3rd 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 at tinyurl.com/HFECstnic2022 by December 1st if you plan to attend, and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. Holy Family welcomes all!

Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night is Friday, December 2nd at 7 PM. You don't have to come every time, but you are certainly welcome! Feel free to bring games you

are interested in playing. Please contact Fred Naatz through the church office for more information at admin@hfec.org See you then!

Almoners: Bob Murray, Gary Snyder
Welcome: John Manuszak
AG: Jeff & Karen Smith

Hospitality Help: Holy Family provides Hospitality time following the 10 AM service. Single-serve snacks, coffee, cocoa, and lemonade will be available. **Hospitality hosts are needed!** Contact Reba via the church office to learn more. admin@hfec.org

OTHER NEWS

Your Generosity Powers Holy Family: There is still time to make a pledge of financial support to Holy Family for 2023. You may pick up a pledge packet from the Welcome Desk in the church lobby, complete a pledge card found in the chair racks in the sanctuary, or make your pledge online at holyfamilyfishers.org/generositypower// Financial commitments from parishioners like you provide approximately 90 percent of the income that supports Holy Family's mission and ministries. So far, 45 families have pledged a total of \$185,215 to Holy Family for 2023.

Holy Family Financials Through October 31st

Income \$168,034
Expenses \$182,707
Shortfall -\$14,677

Prayer List: Patricia, Loralin, Tim, Vicki and John, Ian, Kathleen, Cali, Chrissy, Laurie and Matt, Roy, Dana, Kristine, Chris, John, Jeanie, Bill, Stephen, Dick, Rikka, Julie, Beth, Katja, Adam, Helen, Phyllis, Linda, Harry, Barb, and Charlie

Upcoming Events:

Weekly Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays 7-8 PM
Game Night: December 2nd 7 PM
Breakfast with St. Nicholas: December 3rd 9-11 AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Children & Youth): November 27th
Music & Meditation: December 4th 7 PM
Book Club Zoom: December 14th 1 PM

Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Organist/Pianist: Doug & Heather Tannas
Greeter: Judi Taflinger
Ushers: Andy Barker
Readers: Pete Mulhall, David Emerson, Bob Murray, Sharon Naatz
Prayers: Betty Bogeman, Joel Bruns
Acolytes: TBD, Claire Dial, Olivia Dial
Chalice: Joe Spangler, Jim Taflinger, Barb Spangler
LEV: Kristine Canter
Bread: Chris Hamon

Thanks Be to God

- Those who contribute financially to support the ministry and worship offerings of Holy Family
- Ben and Bethany Paden, Sharon and Fred Naatz for their continued work with livestreaming Holy Family's worship services

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