



Holy Family Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 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.

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 76

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Advent Wreath Lighting

Two candles are lit by a member of the congregation while the following prayer is read.

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.**

O Lord, as we prepare for your renewing presence, let us reflect your love in all that we do. Give us strength to change our ways, rid ourselves of angry thoughts, bitter words, selfishness, and anything that distracts from you and your love for the world. O Jesus, open our hearts for the kingdom of heaven is near, in your name we pray. **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**

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

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.

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

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

**1 Give the King your 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.**

**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.**

The Second Reading *Romans 15:4-13*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Gather 139

Wait for the Lord (4 times)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

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 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."

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 Trinity, Anderson. 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 Finkbeiner, Forman, and French families, and for those who serve as our Meal 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; especially Susan Spangler, 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

*Spiritus Sanctus
Grassi*

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.**

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

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

Gather 143

God of All People

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 65

Prepare the Way O Zion

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

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 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

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.

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 Chapter 9: Forgiving Yourself and Chapter 10: A World of Forgiveness. No prior participation in this book discussion is needed. For more information, contact Fr. Bruce (bgray@hfec.org).

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.

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

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

Vestry Nominations Now Open: Members of Holy Family will elect four members of the Vestry, the congregation's governing board, at Holy Family's annual meeting at 9 AM on Sunday, January 29, 2023 in the sanctuary. If you are interested in serving on Vestry or believe another parishioner would be a good candidate for Vestry, visit holyfamilyfishers.org/vestry/ about the qualifications for and the role and responsibilities of Vestry members. Vestry candidates must complete and submit a vestry application form by January 11, 2023. For more information, see a member of the Vestry nominating committee: Fr. Bruce, Stephen Beard, Carol Bruns, or Bob Murray.

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, 46 families have pledged a total of \$186,215 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
Music & Meditation: December 4th 7 PM
Book Club Zoom: December 14th 1 PM
Vestry Applications Due: January 11th

Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Organist/Pianist: Doug & Heather Tannas
Greeter: Larry Pickens
Ushers: Marcus Dial
Readers: Betty Bogeman, Bev Dye, Bob Murray, Sharon Naatz
Prayers: Wade Nichols, Bob Murray
Acolytes: Matthew Johnston, Reid Cahalan, Isabella Asmus
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Marty Blake, Kristine Canter
LEV: Stephen Canter
Bread: Jackie Pickens
Almoners: Tom Clines, Katie Hamon
Welcome: Gary Snyder
AG: Jenny Barker

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
- Jeff Smith for repairing the Sacristy lights
- Karen & Jeff Smith for creating Angel Tree tags and assisting with coloring supplies

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