

THE KEYS



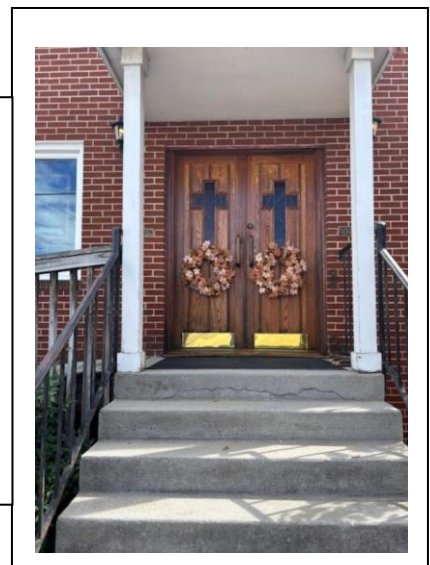
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The Rector's Ramble (and shameless "lifting" - but, oh, so good!) From Tract 16, *Tracts for the Times*

THE name Advent, which means Coming, is given to the four Sundays immediately before Christmas-day, the feast which celebrates our LORD'S coming in the flesh to suffer for us. This season, then, is set apart by the Church, in accordance with ancient and venerable usage, in the first place, to prepare the minds of her children, by holy meditation, for welcoming, with more devout and heartfelt joy, that great day, the day of CHRIST'S Nativity. But her services at this solemn time are also directed to another object, very closely connected with the former: viz. to lead our thoughts onward to that second coming of our LORD and Master "in His glorious Majesty to judge the quick and the dead," which the Church is still expecting and anxiously looking for. These two subjects are very closely blended in the services of this season, as indeed there is much naturally to unit them in our thoughts and feelings; for the promise of CHRIST'S *second* coming to *us*, what the hope of His *first* coming was to *the Jews*. And therefore, while we go back in our thoughts to the time when CHRIST appeared in the flesh, and to the state of the Jewish Church at that time, we must apply all to the searching out of our own spirits, whether we are like holy Simeon and Anna, and the faithful few who "waited for redemption in Jerusalem," or rather like the great mass of the people, who thought only of worldly and temporal things, and so rejected their King when he appeared among them.

New Processional Cross! Church doors getting a facelift! Our new processional cross, kindly donated, displays the painted style of crucifix more popular in Italy and Spain. Our doors have been refinished, with metallic kickplates, and new doormats. Autumn wreaths have also been hung. The Vestry is presently voting to get some new white paint on the pillars, etc.



News and Information

Nov. 2nd: Festival Holy Eucharist for All Saints' Day, reading of the departed for All Souls' Day.

Nov. 9th: Pledge Cards will be distributed.

Nov. 23rd: Pledge Cards will be collected in collection plate.

Nov. 30th: First Sunday in Advent/Celebration of St. Andrew's Day at the 10 AM mass & fellowship hour.

Dec. 7: Annual Meeting after the 10 AM mass.

Dec. 13th or 14th: Advent Lessons & Carols with Festival of Santa Lucia, time TBD.

Dec. 24th: Christ-mass Eve - Family Service, 6 PM; Carols 10:30 PM; Midnight Mass 11 PM.

Dec. 25th: Christ-mass Day, Matins & Mass at 10 AM.

Dec. 26th/27th: St. Stephen's and St. John's Day masses TBD.

Dec. 28th: Holy Innocents' mass at 8 & 10 AM services.

NOVEMBER, 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
[30] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS ADVENT I	LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&HU – Prayers and Holy Unction					[1]
[2] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. FHE, SS 6:00 p.m. Evensong & Benediction ALL SOULS' DAY	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6] 12 noon HC	[7]	[8]
[9] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS TRINITY XXI	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13] 12 noon HC	[14]	[15]
[16] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS TRINITY XXII	[17]	[18]	[19]	[20] 12 noon HC	[21]	[22]
[23] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT	[24]	[25]	[26]	[27] 12 noon HC	[28]	[29]

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

If you cannot fulfill your assigned duty because of an urgent reason, PLEASE SECURE A REPLACEMENT.

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Coffee Hour	C. Sossi	L. Olver	B. Von Claparede	M. Slayton	E. Paisley
Epistoler 8 a.m.	D. Drysdale	C. Von Claparede	G. Mauney	D. Drysdale	C. Von Claparede
Epistoler 10 a.m.	T. Paisley	G. Terrell	T. Paisley	P. Williams	G. Terrell

Altar servers and ushers will be assigned as available before each service.

DECEMBER, 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	[1]	[2]	[3] 7 pm HC 7:30 pm Vestry	[4] 12 noon HC	[5]	[6]
[7] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, Annual meeting 6:00 p.m. Evensong & Benediction ADVENT II	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11] 12 noon HC	[12]	[13]
[14] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS ADVENT III	[15]	[16]	[17]	[18] 12 noon HC	[19]	[20]
[21] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS ADVENT IV	[22]	[23]	[24] 6:00 p.m. Family Service 10:30 Carols 11:00 p.m. FHE CHRISTMAS EVE	[25] 10:00 a.m. Matins, HC CHRISTMAS	[26] ST. STEPHEN	[27] ST. JOHN EVANGELIST
[28] 8:00 a.m. MP & HC 10:00 a.m. HE, SS HOLY INNOCENTS	[29]	[30]	[31]	LEGEND: HC - Holy Communion; FHE – Festal Holy Eucharist; HE - Holy Eucharist; SS – Sunday School; PG - Prayer Group; EP – Evening Prayer; MP – Morning Prayer; P&HU – Prayers and Holy Unction		

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	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
Coffee Hour	V. Williams	G. Terrell	S. Darby	C. Kurstedt
Epistoler 8 a.m.	D. Drysdale	C. Von Claparede	G. Mauney	D. Drysdale
Epistoler 10 a.m.	P. Williams	T. Paisley	G. Terrell	T. Paisley

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2025 Vestry (term end): Clemens Von Claparede (?27), Dan Drysdale (?27), George Mauney (?25), Mike Slayton (?25), George Terrell (?26), Vicki Williams (?26)