

# The Second Sunday of Advent



December 8, 2024  
10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to  
St. Augustine by-the-Sea  
Episcopal Church!**

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



*If you are new or visiting, we invite you to introduce yourself by filling out the online Welcome form through this QR code. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. A's.*

**Holy Eucharist**  
**December 8, 2024, 10:30AM**  
The Second Sunday of Advent, Rite Two

Prelude: "Wachet Auf" by J. S. Bach with organ and tenor solo by Kirk Garner

**The Word of God**

**Entrance Rite**

*(at the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church)*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (Merton)

Hymnal 59

*Descant*

2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;  
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*(the Celebrant says)*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People* You come to your people and set them free.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*(the Celebrant says)*

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.**

**OPENING ANTHEM** *(to be sung 3 times)*

Ho-ly God, Ho-ly and Might-y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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

*(please sit for readings)*

## FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.


*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**


(silence may follow)

CANTICLE 14 (led by choir, with congregation joining in when comfortable)

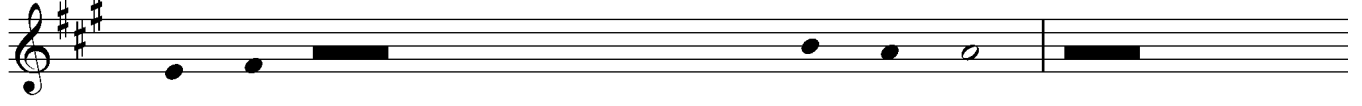
*Antiphon*



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God



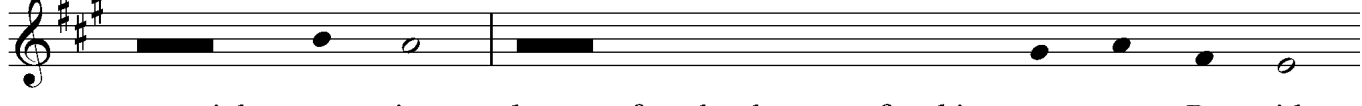
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.



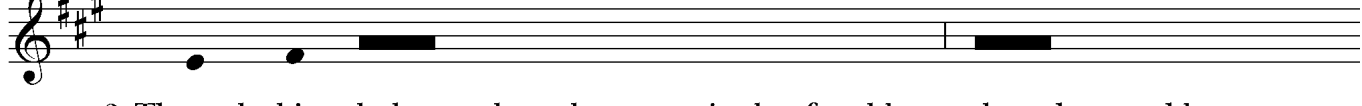
1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come



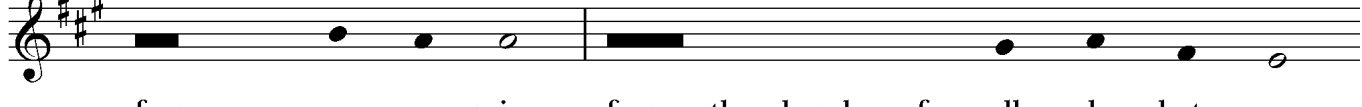
to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us



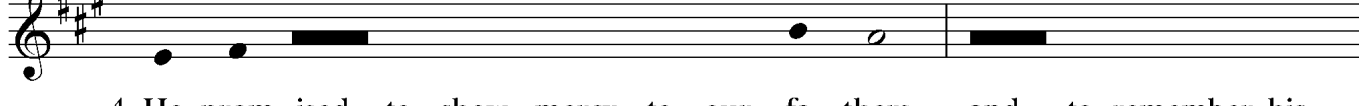
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.



3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us



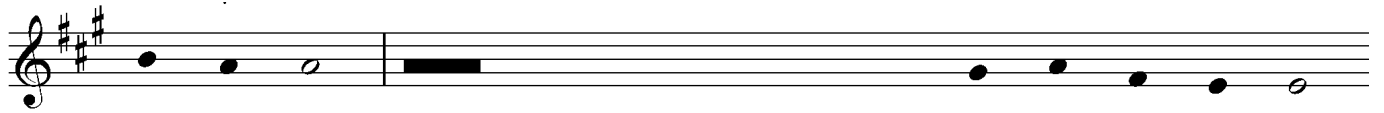
from our en - e - mies. from the hands of all who hate us.



4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his



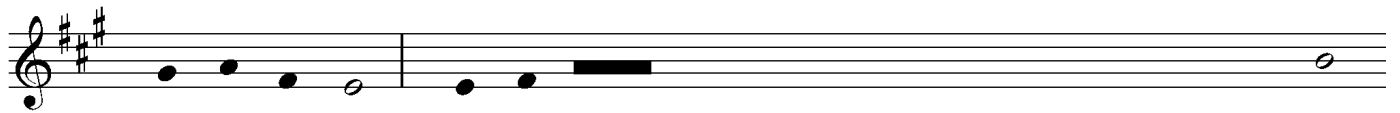
ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5.This was the oath he swore to our father



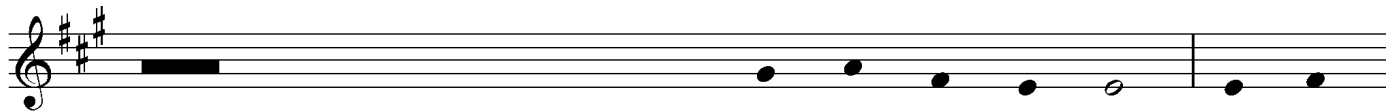
A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



6. Free to worship him with - out fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the



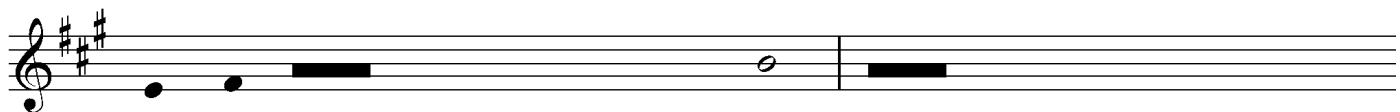
days of our life. 7.You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,



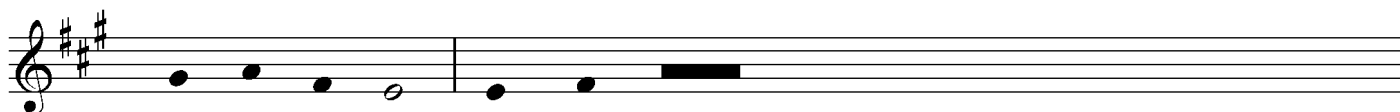
for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, 8.To give



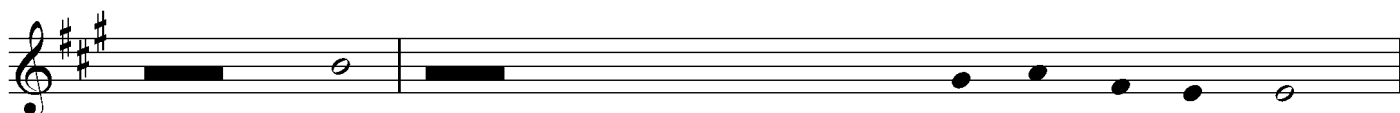
his people knowledge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness of their sins.



9.In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall



break up - on us, 10.To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the



shadow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. [Ant.]

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 1:3-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to

determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*(silence may follow)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**"Prepare the Way of the Lord"** *(sung 3 times before and after the reading of the Gospel)*

The image shows musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two staves of music in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and". The second staff contains the lyrics: "all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre - God,". There are first and second endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1 and 2 above the notes.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 3:1-6

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON - The Rev. Katie Cadigan**  
*(a moment of silence is observed)*

**THE NICENE CREED**  
*(the Celebrant announces the Creed and the people stand)*

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, "Fill the valleys, make low the hills; come, great Redeemer, come."

Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (*intercessions may be offered*). Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

*(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)*

Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place, and as you prepare the way, making every valley filled and every mountain brought low in blessing and adoration, guide us to Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*(the Celebrant says)*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(silence may be kept)*

*Celebrant 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.

*(the Priest stands and says)*

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

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Celebrant*      Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.    *Ephesians 5:2*



Offerings in thanksgiving for God's gifts to us are invited through:

- Offering plate
- **Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625**
- Using this QR code

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM - *A Spotless Rose* by Herbert Howells**  
sung by St. A's Section Leaders

*(please stand)*



*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*(the Celebrant proceeds)*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*(the Celebrant continues)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

### *Celebrant and People*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*(the Celebrant continues)*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## EAT THIS BREAD

Musical score for "EAT THIS BREAD" in 4/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry." and "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

### *Celebrant and People*

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

Musical score for "The Breaking of the Bread" in 4/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of a single line of music with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:"



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**INVITATION**

*(Celebrant )*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ’s Table.

**Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers**

*(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)*

*Celebrant* Will all who are online, join in praying:

In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

*(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM – *Non Nobis Domine* by William Byrd  
sung by St. A’s Choir**

(please stand)

## COMMUNION HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people (Psalm 42)

Hymnal 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.





Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*  
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: "Wachet Auf" by Thomas Chesterton  
 Greg Schreiner, Organ

## Key Announcements

*Holy Expectations*  
Sunday Forums in Advent  
9:20 – 10:10am

What expectations do we have of Jesus and his power in the world? What expectations are proclaimed in scripture about the coming of the Messiah and the advent of God's reign? How do these promises mesh with our lives today? Meets in the Sts Francis & Clare room, above parish offices.

**Last Call - Books for NYA Scholars!**  
**\*\*25 more needed\*\***  
**Deadline: TOMORROW!**



Over 100 books have already generously been donated – and just two dozen more will ensure sure every NYA student receives the holiday gift they personally requested. Give via NYA's Amazon Wish List and select the shipping address: *Sonia Hernandez Gift Registry Address*. Use this QR code or the link in the weekly email.

**Blue Christmas Service**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:30pm**

Join us for Blue Christmas, a contemplative Advent service of prayer and healing, offering sacred balm for the aches in our hearts and the weights of the world. Step out of the swirl into this candlelit evening and turn yourself over to the healing power of God's love. Held in the sanctuary and live-streamed.

**Messiah Sing-Along!**  
**with 18-piece Baroque Orchestra**  
**Wednesday, Dec 18, 7:30pm**

What's better than listening to Handel's "Messiah"? Singing or humming along, of course! Don't miss this extraordinary evening with soloists singing the arias and everyone invited to sing the choruses, including *Glory of the Lord, For Unto Us a Child is Born* and the grand finale - the *Hallelujah Chorus*. And all preceded by Bach's Cantata 82, one of his most inspired creations. Free admission.

## Donate Christmas Greenery & Flowers



The gorgeous Christmas flowers and greenery in the sanctuary are given by parishioners to the glory of God, in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for life's blessings. Give online through this QR code, or use a "Christmas Flowers" envelope in the church lobby.  
**Donation deadline: Wed Dec. 18.**

## Support St. A's in 2025

Our community and shared ministry are all made possible by our collective gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We invite you to consider (if you haven't already!) how you might like to financially support our common ministry in 2025. Pledge cards are available in the back of the church: submit them in the offering plate. Or make your commitment online through our website, selecting "Giving" menu.

## Celebrating Christmas at St. A's

### Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Family Service & Pageant

9:00 pm - Choral Prelude

9:30 pm - Festival Eucharist

### Christmas Day

10:30am - Eucharist & Carols

*\*See St. A's weekly email for the full list of upcoming activities. To sign up for the emails, contact Carrie Price – [carrie@saint-augustine.org](mailto:carrie@saint-augustine.org)*

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