

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28, 2021

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

To all who mourn and long for comfort;

To all who struggle and desire hope;

To all who sin and need a Savior;

To all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;

To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

And to whoever will come;

*This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Congregational responses are indicated in **boldface**.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

THE GREAT LITANY

To be said kneeling, standing, or in procession, at the beginning of the Eucharist

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin, from the works and assaults of the devil; from your wrath and everlasting condemnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all disordered and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandments,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy and rebellion; from violence, battle and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity and submission to the Law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending of the Holy Spirit; by your heavenly intercession; and by your coming again in power and great glory,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech you to hear us, O Lord God: That it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the right way,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To illumine all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may show it accordingly,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To send forth laborers into your harvest; to prosper their work by your Holy Spirit; to make your saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of your kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give all your people increase of grace to hear your Word with humility, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to keep your commandments,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and keep all your people.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to rule the hearts of your servant, Joseph, the President, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before you,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and guide all judges, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and keep our armed forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To bless and protect all who serve their communities by their labor and learning,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To give and preserve for us and for others the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that at the harvest we all may enjoy them,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To make wars to cease in all the world, and to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to show mercy on all prisoners and captives; refugees, the homeless and the hungry; and all those who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To preserve all who are in danger by reason of their work or travel,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen the bonds of those in Holy Matrimony; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all women in childbirth;

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and to provide for young children and orphans,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To support, help, and deliver all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To have mercy upon all people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

To grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Break, Day of God, O Break!

Text: Henry Burton, 1904; Tune: Charles Steggall, 1865



1. Break, day of God, O break! The night has lin - gered long;
2. Break, day of God, O break! The earth with strife is worn;
3. Break, day of God, O break, Like to the days a - bove!



Our hearts with sigh - ing wake; We weep for sin and wrong.
The hills with thun - der shake; Hearts of the peo - ple mourn.
Let pu - ri - ty a - wake, And faith, and hope, and love;



O bright and Morn-ing Star, draw near; O Sun of Right-eous-ness, ap-pear.
Break, day of God, sweet day of peace, And bid the shout of war-riors cease.
But lo! we see the bright'ning sky; The gold - en morn is draw-ing nigh.



THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Surely the Lord is coming soon,
Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

REVELATION 22:20

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
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.**

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Children in 2nd grade and younger may attend Children's Chapel at this time and return at The Peace.

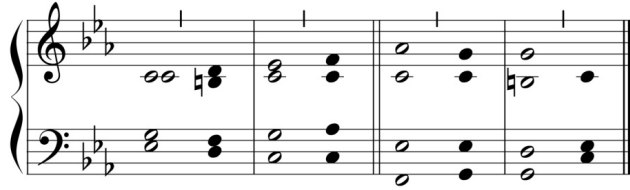
Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience, and wisdom, as we bring them up in the faith, that they may never know a day apart from your love and care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

ZECHARIAH 14:3-9

After the Lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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- 1 The Lord, even the most mighty God, has ¹ spoken |
and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down there ¹ of. ||
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in her ¹ beauty, |
has God shone forth in ¹ glory. ||
- 3 Our God shall come and shall not keep ¹ silence; |
there shall go before him a consuming fire, ⁹ and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round a ¹ bout
him. ||
- 4 He shall call to the heavens a ¹ bove, |
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his ¹ people: ||
- 5 “Gather my faithful together unto ¹ me, |
those who have made a covenant with me by ¹ sacrifice.” ||
- 6 And the heavens shall declare his ¹ righteousness, |
for God himself is ¹ Judge. ||

I THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

After the Lesson the Reader says

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THE GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-33

All stand for the Gospel as the Priest reads, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.*After the Gospel, the Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON
THE NICENE CREED

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

THE OFFERTORY

You may place an offering in the basket, give online at holycrossva.org/give, text "Give" to 434-277-4975, or mail a check to PO Box 614, Crozet, VA 22932.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (*verses 1 & 2*)

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent; Music: Veni, Veni Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Doxology

Composer: Louis Bourgeois (1551); Public Domain

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise
Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty:
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are
exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,
And of your own have we given you.

I CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE SANCTUS

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. _____

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Celebrant and the People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The celebrant will, as always, wash and sanitize his hands before the service and again right before communion.

To receive communion, come forward as directed by the usher. "Cross" the palms of your hands to receive bread from the priest. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

If you desire to receive wine, please bring a chalice or cup from home. The chalice bearer will pour a small amount of wine into your cup for you (and your family).

If you do not desire to commune, but would like to receive prayer, cross your arms over your chest as you come forward, and the pastor will pray for you.

All baptized Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, and strive to walk in love and charity with their neighbors are welcome at this table.

During communion there are prayer ministers near the stairs who'd love to pray with you for any need, great or small.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR USE DURING COMMUNION

For those who Desire to Commit to the Christian Faith

Lord Jesus Christ, I am broken by sin and unable to save myself. I believe that you died for me, bearing my punishment on the cross, and that you offer me forgiveness and new life in you. I turn from my sins and trust in you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For those in Search of Truth

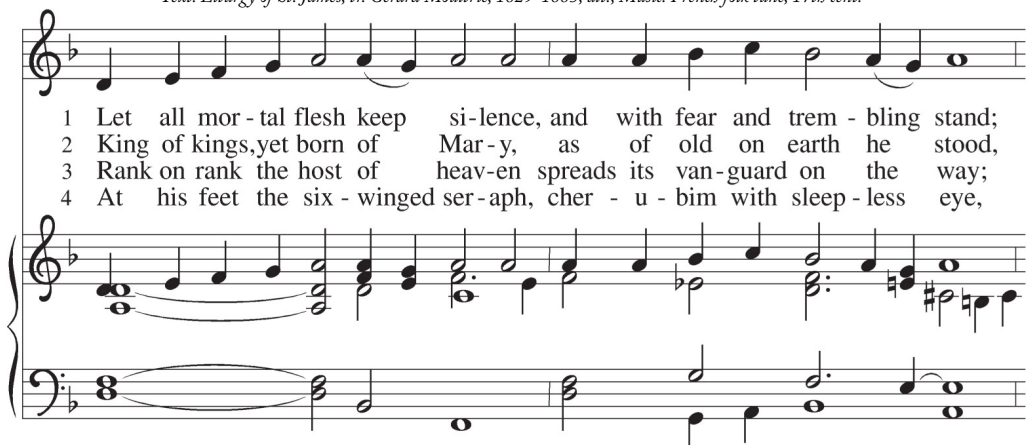
God, I am uncertain whether you exist and whether you are listening to me now. I want to know the truth, and I am willing to live according to it. If you are there, please reveal yourself to me and give me faith that leads to the abundant life promised by Jesus Christ. Amen.

For those who Desire a Deeper Faith

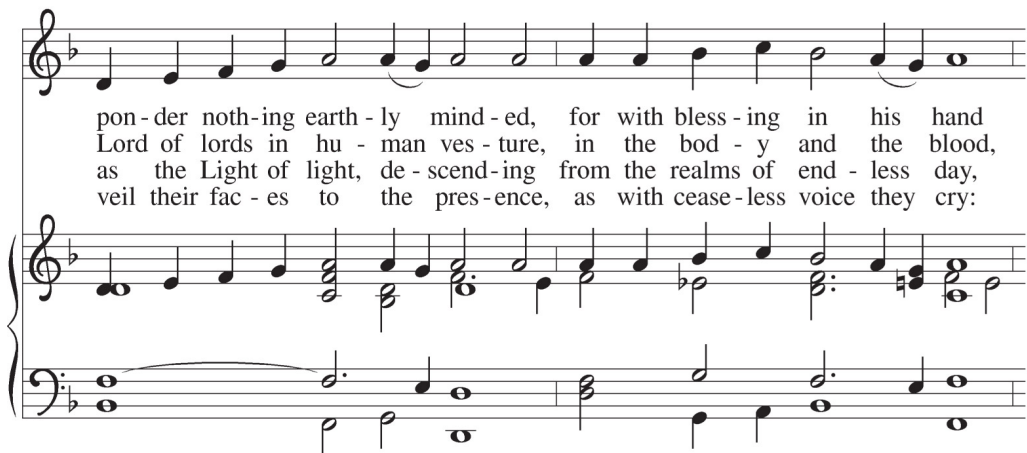
Almighty and eternal God, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me according to your will, for your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

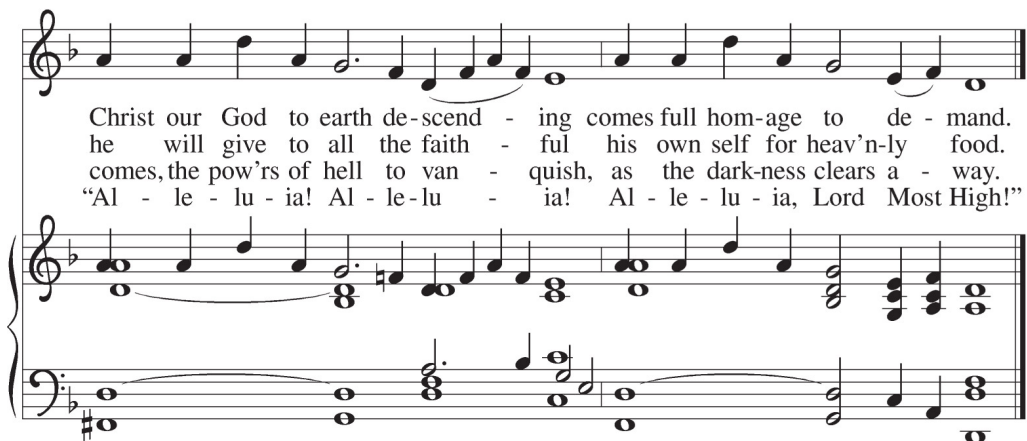
Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.; Music: French folk tune, 17th cent.



1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and trem-bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six-winged ser-aph, cher-u-bim with sleep-less eye,



pon-der noth-ing earth-ly mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture, in the bod-y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de-scend-ing from the realms of end-less day,
veil their fac-es to the pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de-scend-ing comes full hom-age to de-mand.
he will give to all the faith-ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van-quish, as the dark-ness clears a-way.
"Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1855; Tune: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870; Trinity Hymnal 378

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
3. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
4. I have no help but thine, nor do I need
5. Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;

6. here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
7. here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
8. this is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me:
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on:
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;

9. here grasp with firm - er hand th'e - ter - nal grace,
10. here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
11. here let me feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long
12. it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace,

13. and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
14. here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
15. the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
16. my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744; Music: Witt's Psalmodia Sacra, 1715, alt.

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus,
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,

3
born to set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of

6
sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Morning Prayer Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during Advent for Morning Prayer from 7:15-7:45 AM. We'll meet in the Choir Room at Crozet Baptist. All are welcome!

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Prayer Booklets New Holy Cross prayer booklets for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany can be found on the welcome table.

Advent Gift Bags for Families with Young Children Sallie has assembled Advent themed gift bags for families with children in preschool and elementary school. The readings and activities compliment our Children's Chapel curriculum.

Youth Sunday School Youth Sunday School will begin on Sunday, January 9, at 8:45 AM. This 5 week study will focus on basic Christian theology. There will be room for discussion each week. Teenagers can submit questions or discussion topics here: <https://tinyurl.com/HCyouthdiscussion>. See Josh Waldron, Michelle Peck, or Sam Parks with questions.

Holy Cross Prayer Ministry A team of parishioners is available to pray daily for needs within the parish. Send prayer requests to Tom Harrison at thar65@gmail.com, and he will forward them to team members. All requests are held in strict confidence.

Communion Cup Reminder If you'd like to receive wine at communion, please bring a chalice or cup from home. Families are encouraged to share one cup.

Children We love the presence of a growing number of children at Holy Cross! Parents, please be sure not to leave your children unattended while on the premises at Pro Re Nata.

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