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December 3, 2023
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During the Administration of the Eucharist, all baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacraments.

All persons are welcome to come forward for a priestly blessing.

Prayers of the People

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At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: be born in us; be born in our world.

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, be born in us; **be born in our world.**

That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, be born in us; **be born in our world.**

That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies; be born in us; **be born in our world.**

That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, be born in us; **be born in our world.**

That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, be born in us; **be born in our world.**

That the sick will be made well...that the dying will be prepared for heaven... Strengthen us by your Spirit that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. Be born in us; **be born in our world.**

We pray for those gathered here this morning, may we be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world. Be born in us; **be born in our world.**

Blessed are all those who have fought the good fight and now share in the wondrous vision God promised from the beginning...May we keep them always in our sight, eager for the day of our joyous reunion. Be born in us; **be born in our world.**

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make this threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, or to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Be born in us; **be born in our world.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Amen

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Postlude

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The flowers on the altar
are given to the Glory of God
By Rita Coggins
In thanksgiving for her
Children and grandchildren.



Going Deeper Into the Season of Advent

Advent is a time of preparation, of patience, of remembering what grounds and sustains us. The function of Advent is to remind us who God is and who we are meant to be. Advent is about the riches of emptiness. God coming as an infant without servants or riches is the metaphor of a humility that requires us to remember how really small we are in the universe. In our secular culture, a tone of wanting more, spending more, and accumulating riches on earth surround us. As Christians, we long for our society to live up to God's vision, for the kingdom to come in its fullness outside of materialism. The cry of Advent, "Wake up! Be alert! Watch for his coming" is difficult with all the coming and going of the season. We can practice some simple, but not easy, disciplines. We can fast from the media in order to become more aware of God's still, small voice. We can focus on the giving of ourselves to God. Plan to spend time apart from the busyness of the season each day so you can be alert to God in the silent, the small, and the simple. People that normally ignore the church are more apt to pay attention to how the church recognizes and marks this season. If our observance of Advent mirrors the anxiety and frantic nature with which our world marks the days leading up to Christmas, we might be communicating our own irrelevance. We are a people of hope and no where is that hope modeled more clearly than when a community holds vigil for the in breaking of love into the world.

Prayer Request

Elsie	Patricia	Johnny
Bill	Shirley	Barbara
Lisa O.	Blake	Sheryl
Christine	Rachel	Linda T.
Janice	Jinx	Joyce
Roger	Wayland	Ernie
Judy	Chris	Janet L.
		Luke

Serving in our Armed Forces: Sean, Veronica H., Jericca S., Matt K., Eric O., Fletcher, Jonathan K., Will M., Rodney M., Jeffery B., Adam M., James W., and for all Veterans of the United States.

For those who have died:

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Welcome to St. Andrew's on this first Sunday of Advent. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our *Guest Book* in the Commons on the round table. You will also find the current copy of our monthly Newsletter, *The Call*.

Christmas Schedule 2023

December 3 - Pageant Rehearsal at 10:30am. We need any and all children who want to be involved to attend if possible.

December 10 - Pageant at the 10:30am service

December 16 - Greening of the Church - We invite all from the church to come and help decorate.

December 17 - Lessons and Carols at the 10:30am service

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm

December 31—Morning Prayer one service at 9:30am

The **Advent Tree** is in the Commons TODAY! Please consider helping a family from Carriage Court Apartments this year with gifts for the kids.



Come by or call the office and pick a name or two today!

All gifts need to be wrapped in a big bag with the child's name and address and brought back to the Commons by Sunday, December 17th.

Every Member Canvas Update: Pledge cards were due this week for 2024. Please turn them in ASAP if you have not yet. If you are behind for 2023 please try and catch up as soon as possible. Thank you!

Remember or honor a loved one with Christmas flowers to bring added beauty to our worship space this Christmas. We are asking a donation of \$25 for the flowers. Please use the envelopes in the basket on the round table and clearly write the name of your loved one(s) exactly how you would like it printed. Or email the church office with your names.

Last day to submit names will be Sunday, December 17th.



Current Financial Status

Contributions Rec'd the week of 11/27:	\$3,710
Avg. Wkly. Contributions needed:	\$6,324
Received YTD:	\$299,480
Spent YTD:	\$240,154

If you are behind in your pledge, please consider catching up. If you have a question about your pledge, or wish to pledge, please contact Rosemary Clark our book keeper on Monday or Thursday afternoons, 443-2070.

EYC meets Sunday, December 3rd for Advent wreath making following the 10:30am service. All children are welcome to attend!

Serving next Sunday, December 10

8am:	10:30am:
Lay Readers: Albert Corinth	Pageant
LEM Minister: Ramona Orzell	
Acolytes: Pageant	
Greeters: Tommy Parker and Elizabeth Hunter	
Ushers: Linda Hutcheson and Jan Arnold	
Pantry Volunteers: Terry Shackelford, Linda Hutcheson, and Dotsy and Jim Royal	

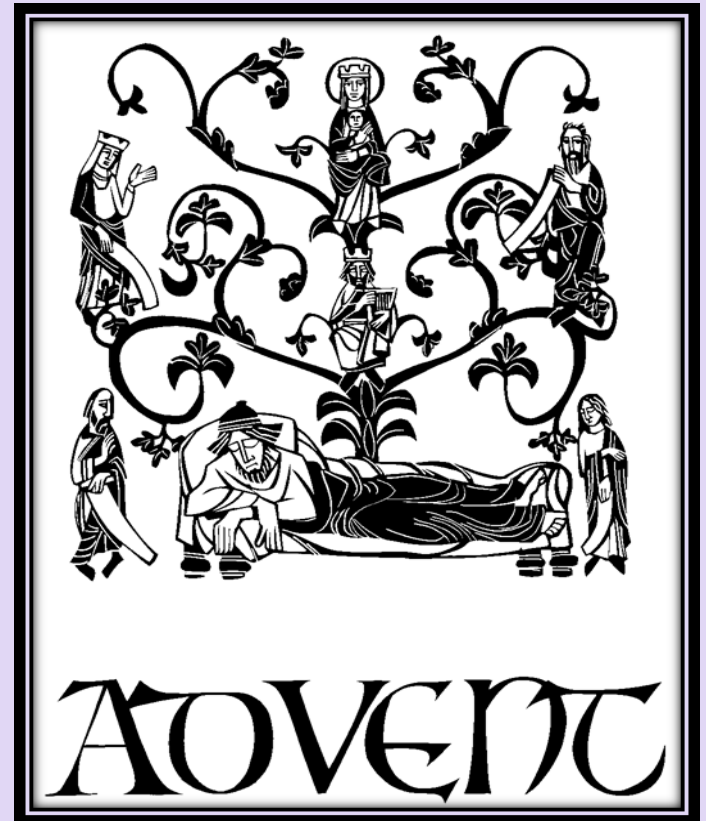


"For God is not unjust, he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do." Hebrews 6:10

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Led by the Spirit, the mission of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is to lovingly serve God through worship, fellowship, education, and ministry.

"There is no better evangelist in the world, than the Holy Spirit."

D.L. Moody