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# Sunday Worship

December 7, 2014 – 10:00 AM

**Second Sunday of Advent**

## The Word of God

**Welcome & Quiet Time** (↑ indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

### Prelude

↑**Gathering Song:** Come Down, O Love Divine – Hymn 516

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

**Priest:** Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All:** And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen.

**Priest:** 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.**

↑**Song of Praise:** To Him Who Sits On The Throne

To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, to Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb. Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever, be blessing and honor and glory and power for ever.  
(Repeat 2 times)

↑**All:** 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.

## A Reading from 2 Peter

(3:8-15a)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### ↑Gradual Song: Sweet Mercies

It's our confession Lord, that we are weak, so very weak, but You are strong. And though we've nothing Lord, to lay at your feet, we come to Your feet and say, "Help us along."

A broken heart and a contrite spirit You have yet to deny. Your heart of mercy beats with love's strong current. Let the river flow by your Spirit now, Lord we cry.

*(Chorus:)* Let Your mercies fall from heaven, sweet mercies flow from heaven. New mercies for today, shower them down Lord as we pray. Let Your mercies fall from heaven, sweet mercies flow from heaven. New mercies for today, shower them down Lord as we pray.

### ↑The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

(1:1-8)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

## Sermon (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** 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.

### ↑ Prayers of the People

**Leader:** Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For McDonald's that the business would grow, and many would find employment, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the congregations and clergy of Piedmont, Madison; St. Andrew's, Burke; St. John's, Columbia; Emmanuel, Rapidan; Grace Church, Bremo Bluff; Meade Memorial, Alexandria, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would have the power of the Holy Spirit to pursue the mission of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends; for elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing homes, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That leaders whose calling is to bring the gospel to whole families with young children may be added to our fellowship, let us pray to the Lord:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Let us commend the world, which Christ will judge, to the mercy and protection of God.  
**Amen.**

**Leader:** We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All:** Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Priest:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ↑Exchange of Peace

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory: Yours Is a Higher Throne

Yours is a higher throne than all this world has known; Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come. Before your Son we'll stand made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace: Salvation comes.

*(Chorus:)* Hear heaven's voices sing; Your thund'rous anthem rings through em'rald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are to You our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before Your throne; We'll honor You in perfect song where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye, and thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; We'll reign with You. *(Chorus – 2 Times)*

↑ **Doxology:** 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. **Amen.**

## ↑Eucharistic Prayer A

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Priest:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

**All (Sung):** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Priest:** 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 Father,

**People:** **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Priest:** And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** **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 priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

**Priest:** 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.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

### **Communion Song: All The Earth**

Father, into Your courts will I enter; Maker of heaven and earth, I tremble in Your Holy presence; Glory, glory in Your sanctuary, splendor and majesty, Lord, before You; All life adores You.

*(Chorus:)* All the earth will declare that Your love is everywhere. The fields will exalt, seas resound; Hear the trees' joyful cry praising You, and so would I. A new song I'll sing. Lord I will glorify and bless Your holy name.

Jesus, Lord of all life and salvation; Into your presence we come; We worship You, our precious Savior; Fill us, fill us with your Holy power; set us aflame with your love 'till nations all know your glory.

*(Chorus:)* All the earth will declare that Your love is everywhere. The fields will exalt, seas resound; Hear the trees' joyful cry praising You, and so would I. A new song I'll sing. Lord I will glorify and belss Your holy name.

Lord I will glorify and bless Your Holy name; Lord I will glorify and bless Your name; Lord I will glorify and bless Your name; Lord I'll glorify and bless Your holy name!

**↑Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **↑Blessing**

### **↑Song of Dismissal: Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.

*(Pre-Chorus:)*

Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our strong deliver.

*(Chorus:)*

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint; you won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need, You lift us up on wings like eagles.

### **↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal**

**Priest:** Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Remember in your prayers:**

John Maher, Sr.

Larry and Shirley Kidd

Larry Kidd, Jr.

**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin  
**Other Members:** Larry Kidd

**Junior Warden:** Bill Weatherford  
Richard Walker

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalicers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
7-Dec	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
14-Dec	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin, Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
21-Dec	Bobbie LeViness	Jack Martin	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
24-Dec	Bobbie LeViness	Jack Martin	Marian Elam, Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
28-Dec	Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker	Kathy Gammon, Richard Walker	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
4-Jan	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
11-Jan	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
18-Jan	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
25-Jan	Jack Martin	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
1-Feb	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

## ~Announcements~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, December 10	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14	Worship Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 21	Worship Service with liturgical dance by the Aspire Dance Academy	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Service	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.

### Reminder:

**Christmas Mother:** Please return your wrapped gifts by December 14. If you have any questions, please call Janice Nelson at 749-3231.

**Financial Update** - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
<b>2014</b>			
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$21,208.00</b>	<b>\$23,425.59</b>	<b>(\$2,217.59)</b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$22,568.00</b>	<b>\$20,086.30</b>	<b>\$2,481.70</b>
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>\$19,716.50</b>	<b>\$21,206.99</b>	<b>(\$1,490.49)</b>
October	\$7,335.00	\$7,333.04	<b>\$1.96</b>
November	\$7,113.00	\$7,244.44	<b>(\$131.44)</b>
December	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b><u>\$14,448.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,577.48</u></b>	<b><u>(\$129.48)</u></b>
<b>2014 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$77,940.50</b>	<b>\$79,296.36</b>	<b>(\$1,355.86)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b><u>Beginning</u></b>	<b><u>Ending</u></b>	
<b>YTD 2014</b>	\$32,916.73	\$31,560.87	<b>(\$1,355.86)</b>

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