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Sunday Worship

November 30, 2014 – 10:00 AM

First 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, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

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: I Waited For The Lord On High

(Chorus:) I waited for the Lord on high. I waited, and He heard my cry.

He pulled me out of my despair. He taught me how to walk: From fear into security, from quicksand to the Rock. *(Chorus)*

I sing to let the people know that I have been restored. And they will kneel and understand to return and trust in the Lord. *(Chorus)*

And there's a new song in my heart to sing. There's a new song. Praises for my King.

↑**All:** 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.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

(1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind--just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

(Chorus:) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. *(Chorus)*

You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, Blessed be Your name." *(Chorus)*

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

(13:24-37)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake-- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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.

All: That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
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 Tuckahoe Physical Therapy that the clients would experience healing and the business would grow, let us pray to the Lord:
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all baptized persons in their daily life and work, 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 persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the inclusion of all, regardless of race, age, or jurisdiction of residence in the economic health of Metropolitan Richmond; for effective, affordable, regional public transportation, 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, we pray to you, O 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: All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the streams of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep, we sing:

Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the streams of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep, we sing:

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

↑ **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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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: Let My Life Be A Sacrifice

Let my life be a sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. Let each moment of each day be filled with Your praise, let my life be worship, to You. (Repeat)

For to worship is to sacrifice, and to love You, obey. Let my spirit be united with Yours, so I'll know just what to do and how to pray.

Let my life be a sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. Let each moment of each day be filled with Your praise, let my life be worship, to You.

You have called me to display your love, as a lamp unto the world. Change my heart, ignite my spirit o Lord, so I'll share Your shining light unto the world.

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↑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: I Will Hold On

My times are in your hands. I know I'll never understand. But I'll trust in you. Sometimes my heart grows cold. I'm sorry when I take control. How I'm needing You.

And even when I fall, You help me stand. Even when I'm lost, You take my hand.

(Chorus:) I will hold on; I will hold on; I will hold on; Yes, I will trust in you.

My life is in your hands. You hold the key to who I am. And I'll trust in you. Sometimes my heart is stone, I'm sorry when I walk alone. How I'm needing You.

And even when I fall, You help me stand. Even when I'm lost, You take my hand. *(Chorus 2 times)*

↑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

Register: Marian Elam

Junior Warden:

Bill Weatherford

Richard Walker

Treasurer:

Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalice carriers. 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>Chalice Carriers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
30-Nov	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Dec	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Saturday, December 6	Manakin Farmers Holiday Market	68 Broad St. Rd.	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 7	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 10	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14	Communion Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Reminders:

Manakin Farmers Holiday Market, Saturday, December 6, 9:00 - 2:00. Please sign up to help at the St. Francis table. If you have questions, please contact Bobbie LeViness at 750-1277.

Christmas Mother: Please select a Christmas Angel to help our Goochland family in need. Purchase items listed on the angel and returned the 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.

	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Gain or (Loss)</u>
2014			
1st Quarter	\$21,208.00	\$23,425.59	(\$2,217.59)
2nd Quarter	\$22,568.00	\$20,086.30	\$2,481.70
3rd Quarter	\$19,716.50	\$21,206.99	(\$1,490.49)
October	\$7,335.00	\$7,333.04	\$1.96
November	\$5,860.00	\$3,912.37	\$1,947.63
December	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
4th Quarter	<u>\$13,195.00</u>	<u>\$11,245.41</u>	<u>\$1,949.59</u>
2014 Year-To-Date	\$76,687.50	\$75,964.29	\$723.21
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$33,639.94	\$723.21

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