



ADVENT

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Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Monday – Friday)

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- ✚ Divine Services:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook live-streamed; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- ✚ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. with coffee

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THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank"

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ORDER OF SERVICE: VESPERS

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ADVENT RESPONSE:

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PSALM 91: 9-16 (Read Responsively)

P: ^aBecause you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

C: the Most High, who is my refuge^{a1}—

P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C: no plague come near your tent.

P: For he will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: On their hands they will bear you up,

C: lest you strike your foot against a stone.

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder;

C: the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

P: "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;

C: I will protect him, because he knows my name.

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him;

C: I will be with him in trouble;

P: I will rescue him and honor him.

C: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

OFFICE HYMN: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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READING: Luke 1: 67-80

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant;⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us^l from on high⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

RESPONSORY: Advent

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SERMON: "Praising God in the Middle of All This"

CANTICLE: Song of Zechariah, from Matins

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OFFERING *[offering plates are located at each entrance]*

PRAYER: KYRIE, LORD'S PRAYER, COLLECTS

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BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN: "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

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Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday December 19th @ 9:00 am –Children's Christmas Service**

