



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

St. John's Powell

Welcome

We are so happy you are with us. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Help others find a place near you and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please stand and sit as you are comfortable.

Giving Campaign 2022



We run a tight and careful budget at St. John's. Our total spending plan for 2022 was \$33,000.

Two-thirds of this budget, or \$.66 of every dollar you give, goes to overhead. This includes all the basic costs of the church building, maintenance and fixed expenses. A comfortable, safe church building is the foundation upon which other ministry functions.

The other 33% of the budget goes to the work of all other ministries.

The largest line item in our spending plan is Outreach ~ about 15% of our total budget. This is a clear indication of our church's commitment to helping our community. The Outreach budget is almost always supplemented with small fundraisers and grant funding, which further boosts our financial output into Powell.

Other Ministries – worship, congregational care and development, formation, education, and fun – take about \$5,000. Such ministries are active, vibrant and always developing. Their cost is low because this work is powered by people – both the leadership and participants. This is where the financial benefits of Baptismal Ministry are most obvious: **we don't have to pay salaries, benefits, or expenses for any staff.**

This means every pledge payment or donation you make has a significant impact on our common life. We need to share the expenses of having a church with regular bills. And each of you has the opportunity to help grow the sacred (and often exciting) work of transforming the lives of people inside and outside our doors.

Together, through Advent, let us pray this prayer:

Great One, for you the floods clap, for you the hills sing.
Take my credits and debits, ins and outs,
my pluses and minuses, surpluses and lacks,
and show me how to use them
to join the great chorus of Creation. Amen

Budget planning begins just after Christmas, and we are looking forward to setting the course for 2023. Please help by making your pledge before then – Laura Greathouse will take your pledge card, or even a handwritten note. Thank you!

Prayer Texts

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Preacher	Tim Glatzer
Intercessor	Diana Anderson
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Server	Megan Nickles
Communion Server	Steve Nickles
Communion Bread	Jessica Smith

Following the service today, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments. Today's host is Marlynn Riker.

Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Hubert the Hunter, Bondurant

Richard & Jennifer; Tim & Lynnae; Kathy & Family; John Grover & Family; Bobbi & Bentley; Mike & Michelle, Sharon & Steve; Margie & Josey, Bob & Charlotte; Ann & Martha; Robin & Mark; Hunter & Charlotte; Carra, Bobby B., Larry, Alex, Irene, Fr. John, Charlie, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron, and Marge	Justin, Ryan, Jacob, Patrick, and Chip who are serving in the military. Josephine and Dolores who reside at Canyon Creek Care Center and Don Smith who resides at American House Assisted Living, Orange City, FL.
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Celebrations

Birthday: Marlynn Riker—11th, Jane Woods—12th, Evie Dawson—13th, Debora Smith—17th

Hymn *Verses 1, 2*



1. Wake, O wake, and sleep no long - er, For he who calls you
2. Zi - on hears the sound of sing - ing; Our hearts are thrilled with
3. Glo - ry, glo - ry, sing the an - gels, While mu - sic sounds from



is no stran - ger: A - wake, God's own Je - ru - sa - lem!
sud - den long - ing: She stirs, and wakes, and stands pre - pared.
strings and cym - bals; All hu - man - kind, with songs a - rise!



Hear, the mid - night bells are chim - ing The sig - nal for his
Christ, her friend, and lord, and lov - er, Her star and sun and
Twelve the gates in - to the cit - y, Each one a pearl of



roy - al com - ing; Let voice to voice an - nounce his name!
strong re - deem - er— At last his might - y voice is heard.
shin - ing beau - ty; The streets of gold ring out with praise.



We feel his foot - steps near, The Bride - groom at the
The Son of God has come To make with us his
All crea - tures round the throne A - dore the ho - ly



door— Al - le - lu - ia! The lamps will shine With
home: Sing Ho - san - na! The fight is won, The
One With re - joic - ing: A - men be sung By



light di - vine As Christ the sav - ior comes to reign.
feast be - gun; We fix our eyes on Christ a - lone.
ev - 'ry tongue To crown their wel - come to the King.

TEXT: Matthew 25:1-13; *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. and adapt. by Christopher Idle, b.1938, © 1982, Jubilate Hymns, Ltd. (Administered by Hope Publishing Co.)
TUNE: WACHET AUF, BWV 80, BWV 80, BWV 80, BWV 80; Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; harm. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

Gathering

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

Come, O Lord, and send us your light.

Come and walk among us.

Be our Savior and our Friend.

God of hope, we come to you
in the midst of a world fraught with troubles.

O come, O come, Immanuel.

Come to bring us your peace.

Prayer of Advent

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Although the darkness is powerful,
open our eyes, O God,
to the light of your presence.**

Give us faith to stand against the voices of division and violence.

**Through your Spirit remake us into hope-filled disciples,
discovering lives attune to your wonder,
and sparking in others a desire to know you more.**

In the name of the One who comes to us, we pray,

Amen.

Alleluia

The Cantor sings through once, then we sing together twice.



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Scripture

We sit.

O God, let your Word ring out from the mountains
and your Spirit shine forth in the earth,
So that all may hear your teaching
through Jesus Christ our peace. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah.

After the reading.

The Word of God; the story of God's coming.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Be strong and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.

– Psalm 31:24

We pray for the needs of all the earth saying,
Healer of the world:
**lead us to wholeness,
and make us shine with your light of healing love.**

The intercessor continues, concluding with

Holy One, whose coming we await,
you invite us into the light of your presence:
illumine the dim places of our hearts.
We are thirsty for your compassion.
Draw near to us and fill us,
that we may pour out your goodness to all who hunger.
**Jesus, your light calls us forth to follow and serve you.
Your light still shines for all to see in this world.
May we continue to reflect your light in our lives,
in our service, in our words and in our deeds.**
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Peace

We stand.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.
We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory

Mysterious and faithful God,
we live our lives before you, we offer our lives to you,
whether you speak or are silent,
whether you are hidden or revealed.

Music

“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry,” Charles Coffin, Translator: John Chandler.

Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us open our hearts.
We open them to our God.
Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.
It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

Great Deliverer, how wondrous are your deeds!
You created the world and all that is in it.
With a mighty arm you parted the waters
and led your people to liberation.

When we were in exile, you gathered us up in your bosom
and led us home like a mother sheep.

When we were mistreating our own,
you sent prophets to set us right.

You pulled down the arrogant and lifted up the weak.

And when the time was right,
you sent Jesus to set us free.

Now send us again your life-giving Spirit
and recharge your promise within us,
for we are eagerly awaiting our liberator
to come again from heaven.

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of". The second staff continues with: "pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your". The third staff continues with: "glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na". The fourth staff continues with: "in the high - est. Bless - ed is". The fifth staff continues with: "he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -". The sixth and final staff concludes with: "na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

So with gratitude and expectation we remember that Jesus took bread,
blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given for you.

So also we remember that Jesus took the cup, saying,

This is the new covenant of love and grace
poured out for you and for many.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Now, as we wait for him to come again, O God,
stir up your power and restore us by sending your Holy Spirit
to infuse us with hope in the great mystery of our faith:

Acclamation of faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, Christ will come again.

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All glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

A - men, A - men, Al - le - lu - ia!
A - men, A - men!

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Breaking Bread

The Leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.
We eat this bread to remember and to hope.
**Fill us and all who hunger with good things
and remember with your loving kindness
all who watch for the coming light.**

Communion

Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.

We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.

Receiving the bread and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.

Music

“Of The Father's Love Begotten,” Aurelius Clemens Prudentius,
Translator: H. W. Baker.

“Jesus Shall Reign,” Isaac Watts.

Prayer after Communion

We stand.

Let us pray.

**God of new beginnings,
you draw near to us in word and sacrament
to strengthen and renew us;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit,
may your light so shine through us
that all may welcome your Son at his coming.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel.
Amen.**

Hymn *Verses 1, 2*



1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert
3. O make straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er



1. says our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
2. far and near, Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance
3. plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



1. Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je -
2. Since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing
3. As be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



1. ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
2. cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
3. of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



1. Tell of all the sins I cov - er,
2. Let the val - leys rise to meet him
3. And all flesh shall see the to - ken



1. And that war - fare now is o - ver.
2. And the hills bow down to greet him.
3. That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: 87 87 77 88; based on Isaiah 40:1-8; Johann G. Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
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Sending

The ocean roars.

The floods clap the shores.

The wind sings over the hills.

God is love and grace,

and God pours love and grace into the world.

And with God's help, we are about to do the same.

Go now, good people,

to roar, clap, and sing,

and to give everything you've got,

together for joy,

in the name of the Creator,

the Sustainer, and the Redeemer,

Amen. Alleluia!