



*The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV*

December 8, 2024 8 AM & 10:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Second Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

**Participants in the Service:**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

**8 AM:** Chalice & Intercessor: Hal Foss

Lector: Hal Foss

**10:15 AM** Chalice: Bob Crocker

Director of Music: Dennis Deem

Acolytes: Logan Houdyshell, Anthony Williams, Eva Crocker

Lector: Vickie Bono

Welcome Center: Tom & Linda Simpson

Intercessor: David Cooper

**The Word of God**

Prelude

“Medieval Prelude on “Quem Pastores”

Paul Fey

Processional Hymn #72 (10:15)

“Hark! the glad sound!”

Richmond

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Holy and living one.

*People* You come to your people and set them free.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

Kyrie #S96            Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
(sung at 10:15)       Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
                         Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.  
                         Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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.

### The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Baruch (5:1-9)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### Canticle 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:3-11)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn #76 (vs. 1-4) (10:15)    “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”           *Winchester New*

*Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

                          The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:1-6)  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Reader*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

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.

### **The Prayers of the People** *(led by Hal Foss at 8AM & David Cooper at 10:15AM)*

*During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, the prayer list usually prayed for during the Prayers of the People will be found at the end of the service booklet. The congregation is free to add names in the appropriate place in the prayers, either silently or aloud, and to pray for these people throughout the week.*

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:

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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:

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

*(The congregation may add names.)*

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father, especially those we now name silently or aloud.

*Priest adds concluding prayers*

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Absolution**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Announcements**

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

“Pifa from *Messiah*”

*G.F. Händel*

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3) (10:15)

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.

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Sanctus (8AM)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus # S130  
(sung at 10:15)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your 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.

*The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Response:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei #S161                      Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
(sung at 10:15)                      Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
   Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant:* Behold what you are

*People:* May we become what we receive.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.*

Communion Anthem                      “Meditation on “Veni, veni, Emmanuel”                      *Paul Fey*

Post Communion Hymn #60 (vs. 1-3)                      “Creator of the stars of night”                      *Conditor alme siderum*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries:

Closing Hymn #67                      “Comfort, comfort ye my people”                      *Psalms 42*

*The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*                      Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sung twice, second time as a 3-part round, when bells are present)

Go now in peace;

go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere

you may go.

*Please stay seated*

Postlude                      “Lift up your Heads”                      *Paul Fey*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent Series led by the Rev. Katie Beth Miksa** - Katie Beth+ is leading a formation series during the 9:15-10 am time slot on three Sundays during Advent (December 8, 15 and 22). It will be loosely based on Rev. Heidi Haverkamp's book *Advent in Narnia*, which she particularly recommends if you like short daily reflections during Advent. It intersperses brief passages of scripture with quotes from C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Please note, you will not need Haverkamp's book, nor to have read or seen *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, to enjoy this formation series.

**Christmas Altar Flowers** – If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of or in thanksgiving of someone or something special in your life, you may use your Christmas Flower envelope provided with your offering envelopes or a check indicating in the memo section that it is for Christmas flowers. Please include a note of how you would like it to appear in the Christmas Flower insert for the bulletin. The deadline to be included in the Christmas bulletin insert is **Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**Your Christmas Greetings** for our parishioners may be emailed to Linda at LLBC100@msn.com before Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. They will appear in a special Christmas edition of the "Shepherd's Staff" on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have sheets out for your message beginning next Sunday.

**Bible Study** – We have 2 Bible Study groups led by David Cooper. One group meets from 4:15 – 5:15 PM and is discussing the Letter to the Romans. The other group meets from 5:15 – 6:15PM and is studying Second Samuel. You are welcome to attend either group.

**Open Altar Flower dates:** Two vases are available on Dec. 29. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

**Hanging of the Greens** – Please plan to stay after the 10:15 service on Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> to help decorate the church for Christmas. This is a wonderful fun time for fellowship and preparing for the coming of our Lord.

### Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Eric Dailey – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Dee Milhoan – strength	John Stevens – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	David Cottrill - healing	Jay Lathrop – healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Chris Heckman – healing	Heyward Roberts - healing
Amanda Morris – awaiting liver transplant	Shauna Hyde – healing	

*Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces*  
Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

#### *Those needing healing from cancer*

Glen Kirk	Julia Lee	Marlene Cox	Ellis Corra
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti
Doris Lowe	Gary Greer	David Nevins	Wendy Meridith
Hal Foss	Charles Sterchak		