

# Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2024 ❖ 8:00 am



*Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*

*Guest Musician: Mark Bassett, Cello*

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*We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.*

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Dick and Liz Cantine and in thanksgiving for the decades of togetherness and love.*

*Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.*

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## Coming Events

### **Sunday, Dec. 8 – Advent 2**

- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: “Who is Jesus?”
- 11:25 am Advent Wreath Making and Luncheon
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Long Beach Camerata Singers performance

### **Monday, Dec. 9**

- 5:00 pm Blue Christmas Service
- 6:30 pm Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, Dec. 10**

- 11:30 am Deanery 8 Luncheon
- 6:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 6:00 pm Men’s Corner
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

### **Wednesday, Dec. 11**

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Good Grief Support Group

**Thursday, Dec. 12 – 1:00 pm Quilters and Knitters Group**

**Friday, Dec. 13 – 6:00 pm St. Anne’s Christmas Auction**

**For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:**

**<https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar>**

The Processional Hymn: Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal #65



Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing  
He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a -  
Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em -



near! — Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap -  
bove. — His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and  
brace. — His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery



pear. — Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred  
love. — Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy — a -  
place. — All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will — a -



sto - ry. Oh, blest is Christ that came — in God's most ho - ly  
bound - ing. Oh, blest is Christ that came — in God's most ho - ly  
dore — him. Oh, blest is Christ that came — in God's most ho - ly



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Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; Charles P. Price (b. 1920), © 1982, Charles P. Price.

Music: "Bereden väg för Herran," melody from "Then Svenska Psalmboken," 1697;  
harm. "Koralbok för Svenska Kyrhan," 1939, alt.

The Opening Acclamation .....Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
 The Collect for Purity .....Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
 The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324  
 The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324  
 The Collect of the Day .....Book of Common Prayer p. 159  
 The First Lesson.....Baruch 5:1-9

1 Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

2 Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

<sup>3</sup>for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

<sup>4</sup>For God will give you evermore the name,  
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.

<sup>9</sup>For God will lead Israel with joy,  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Response.....Canticle 4: The Song of Zechariah (Book of Common Prayer p. 50)

The Epistle ..... Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Holy Gospel..... Luke 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>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 Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed .....Book of Common Prayer p. 327  
 The Prayers of the People .....Book of Common Prayer p. 328  
 The Confession .....Book of Common Prayer p. 331  
 The Peace .....Book of Common Prayer p. 332  
 The Welcome and Announcements

*Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:*

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving .....Book of Common Prayer p. 333  
 The Lord's Prayer .....Book of Common Prayer p. 364  
 The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339  
 The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

**The Recessional Hymn: On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry** **Hymnal #76**

On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

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 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

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 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of Kings.  
 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),  
 after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
 Music: "Winchester New," melody from "Musicalishes Hand-Buch," 1690;  
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

*The Postlude*

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

*Blake/Prichard*

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December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 7:30 pm  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
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## Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jean Dicus, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Russell, Sally Hill, Sandy, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Lowe, for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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