

# Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2024 ✦ 8:00 am



*Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*

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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.*

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

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## Coming Events

### **Sunday, Dec. 15 – Advent 3**

- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: “Who is Jesus?”
- 11:15 am St. Anne’s Christmas Cookie Hour
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal

### **Monday, Dec. 16**

- 6:30 pm Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, Dec. 17**

- 7:00 pm Taizé Service and Reception

### **Wednesday, Dec. 18**

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Support Group

### **Thursday, Dec. 19 – 1:00 pm Quilters and Knitters Group**

### **Friday, Dec. 20 – 4:00 pm St. Luke’s lunch prep**

### **Sunday, Dec. 22 – Advent 4**

- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: “Who is Jesus?”
- 11:30 am Christmas Choir Rehearsal

### **Monday, Dec. 23**

- 9:00 am to noon Altar Guild Decoration of the Church
- 7:00 pm Concert Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve**

- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal: final dress rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Choir Concert
- 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

### **Wednesday, Dec. 25 – 9:00 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist**

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

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

The Processional Hymn: People, Look East

Hymnal #724



Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more  
An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



3  
crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to  
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when winds are  
light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



6  
a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look  
weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



9  
East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
East and sing to day: Love the rose is on the way.  
East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
East and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.  
East and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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- 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.....Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,

he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Response..... Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah (Book of Common Prayer p. 86)

The Epistle ..... Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel ..... Luke 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

<sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to

untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Hymnal #68



Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap -  
 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - plen - ish them with  
 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap -



pear! The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is  
 oil; look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and  
 pear; a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened



near. The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw  
 toil. The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen  
 sphere! With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to



nigh; up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the  
 stand; rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at  
 see the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with



cry.  
 hand!  
 thee!

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Music: "Llangloffan," melody from "Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasaneth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru," 1865.

The Postlude

Variations on "Stuttgart"

arr. David Knight

## 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, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne Bray, 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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