

**SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II 22 December 2024

**Holy Eucharist: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude: *Veni, veni Emmanuel* by Gael Liardon  
Hymn in Procession H 56  
Opening Acclamation BCP 351  
An Exhortation BCP 316  
Confession of Sin BCP 352  
Kyrie H S102

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson (*sit*) Insert  
Psalm Insert  
Second Lesson Insert  
Sequence Hymn (*stand*) H 66  
The Gospel Lesson Insert  
*Sit*  
The Sermon  
The Nicene Creed BCP 358  
The Prayers of the People, Form IV (*Kneel or Stand*) BCP 388  
The Peace (*Stand*)  
Announcements

The Advent Greens are given to the glory of God and in memory of his loved ones by Tim Valerio.

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory: *People Look East*  
Doxology: H 380 st. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367  
Sanctus H S130  
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
The Breaking of the Bread H S164

Communion of the People of God

*All baptized persons may receive communion in this Church.*

Hymn during Communion H 60  
The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn H 438  
The Blessing (*Stand*)  
Dismissal (*Remain Standing*) BCP 366  
Postlude: *Oh, Come, Emmanuel* by Wilbur Held

**Service Participants**

Rector	The Rev. Connor Newlun
Organist	Meya Collings
Chalicer/Acolyte	Gary Candelaria/Alyssa Newlun
Greeter	Kendra Harmon/Kathy Anderson
Lector/Intercessor	Stephanie Gumm/Tom Wibberley
Camera Operator	Michael Arant
Altar Guild	Tim Valerio/Patty Wibberley

**Vestry**

2022 – 2024: Sandy Miner and Liz Partlow  
2023 – 2025: Michael Arant and Anne-Marie McCullough  
2024 – 2026: Heidi Tennant and Tom Wibberley

**Leadership**

*Senior Warden:* Sandy Miner      *Junior Warden:* Randy Short  
*Treasurer:* George Ashbaugh      *Registrar:* Anne-Marie McCullough  
*ECW President:* Rebecca Bright-Willis      *Altar Flowers:* Tim Valerio  
*Altar Guild:* Tim Valerio and Barbara Bussard

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Christmas Flowers:** Order forms for Christmas flowers are in your worship bulletin today, forms need to be turned in by 12/22/24.
- **Special Children's Program on Sunday 12/22 during worship.** Bring the kids and grandkids!
- **Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve is at 7pm**
- **Special worship features in Advent:** You will notice a few different things in the Sunday liturgies for Advent. On the first Sunday of Advent, we use the great litany rather than prayers of the people. A form of this litany was the first piece of liturgy written in English (1544) when the Church of England began using the vernacular. We use it to mark the new church year. On the second and third Sundays of Advent, we use the penitential order with the Ten Commandments. The penitential order is a means of preparation for meeting Christ at his return and when we recall his coming in ministry and incarnation. The point is not to make us feel guilty but to remind us that at baptism we promise the Holy Scriptures will be our guide and we will return to the Lord when we stray. Finally, on the fourth Sunday of Advent we use the penitential order with an exhortation to worthy reception of holy communion. The exhortation is meant to be a reminder of the sacredness of the sacrament and the privilege we have in receiving it.

Our priest is available for pastoral care, visitation to sick and shut-ins, and emergencies. Connor can be reached by phone at 703-470-9638 or email: [priest@stpaulssharpburg.com](mailto:priest@stpaulssharpburg.com). He is at the church most Thursdays 11:00am – 1:00pm.

## Scripture Lessons: 4AdventC

### **First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength  
of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

### **The Song of Mary *Luke 1:46-55***

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and  
holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.*

### **Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10**

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your  
will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of  
me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor  
taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt  
offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered  
according to the law), then he added, "See, I have  
come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to  
establish the second. And it is by God's will that we

have been sanctified through the offering of the body  
of Jesus Christ once for all.

### **Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-45**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a  
Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the  
house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child  
leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the  
Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed  
are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb. And why has this happened to me, that the  
mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I  
heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my  
womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed  
that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to  
her by the Lord."

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*Now faith, hope and love abide these three  
and the greatest of these is love. 1Cor. 13.13*



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