



# Light of Christ Anglican Church

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Welcome!

December 10, 2017



Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Him known to others

Our Vision: To be a leader in equipping the saints of the Northern Neck for ministry  
Christians working together to spread the Gospel

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**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE**

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**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
		Annual Meeting followed by luncheon
	12:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir practice
	3:30 p.m.	Burgess Neighborhood Care Group (meets at the home of Constance McDearmon)
<b>Mon.</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (meets at Bay Quarter Shores)
<b>Tues</b>	7:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast (meets at the home of Charlotte Hundley)
<b>Wed.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Fishermen (meets at the home of Ben and Sandi Ward)
	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Time with the Rector
<b>Thurs.</b>	1:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting (note: change in date)
	4:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Sat.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Jeffrey Cerar with reception to follow

All activities are held at Light of Christ Anglican Church unless otherwise noted.  
Throughout the week, various other groups meet for Bible study and fellowship.  
Please call the church office or the individuals listed above  
for more information about these groups.  
Newcomers welcome!

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**A nursery for children ages 0-4 is available during the Worship Service beginning at 9:45 a.m.  
We ask that older children be brought to church for worship.**

# The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

## Holy Eucharist Rite 2

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### Opening Hymn: 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

*The people stand and sing, reading the lyrics printed below or on the screens.*

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with three different vocal parts indicated by the numbers 1, 3, and 5.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
5 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 WORD OF GOD

## Words of Acclamation and Collect for Purity

**Priest:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

### *O come, let us adore him*

1 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -  
2 We'll praise his name for - ev - er, we'll praise his name for -  
3 We'll give him all the glo - ry, we'll give him all the  
4 For he a - lone is wor - thy, for he a - lone is

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.  
ev - er, we'll praise his name for - ev - er, Christ the Lord.  
glo - ry, we'll give him all the glo - ry, Christ the Lord.  
wor - thy, for he a - lone is wor - thy, Christ the Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four vocal lines with lyrics. The second system continues the vocal lines and includes a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: '1 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -', '2 We'll praise his name for - ev - er, we'll praise his name for -', '3 We'll give him all the glo - ry, we'll give him all the', '4 For he a - lone is wor - thy, for he a - lone is', 'dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.', 'ev - er, we'll praise his name for - ev - er, Christ the Lord.', 'glo - ry, we'll give him all the glo - ry, Christ the Lord.', 'wor - thy, for he a - lone is wor - thy, Christ the Lord.'

Words: Attr. John F. Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880); vss. 2-4 anonymous  
Music: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751  
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**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Priest:** Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

**Priest:** 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 their 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.

**People:** Amen.

*The people sit.*

## First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

**Reader:** <sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and

all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm: 85 *Benedixisti, Domine*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.  
2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.  
3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.  
4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.  
5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?  
6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.  
9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.  
10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.  
13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**Reader and People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-18

**Reader:** <sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

<sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

<sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new

heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.*

### Hymn 66 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

1 Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
from our fears and sins re-lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;  
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

**Deacon:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Deacon:** <sup>1</sup> The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all

Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon: The Rev. Mike Moffitt

*Following today's service, the sermon will be available on the church website: [www.lightofchristva.org](http://www.lightofchristva.org).*

## The Nicene Creed

*The people stand and affirm the creed with the priest.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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 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;

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

*The people kneel or sit reverently. The leader and people pray responsively.*

**Leader:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying "Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God, let us pray to the Lord

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For Foley, our Archbishop; John, our Bishop; Mike, our priest; Mary, our deacon; and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For Anglican Frontier Missions and all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially our partners in ministry in the Diocese of Mityana, Uganda, let us pray to the Lord,

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For our nation, for those in authority, especially Donald our president, let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For those in our military and their families, for all law enforcement and first responders who put their lives in danger for us, let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer

**Leader:** For those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially

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Malerie Hinson

Martha Joslyn

Simon Todd

Kirsten Beatley

Sharon Ward

Jason Dougher

Charlie Franck

David TeStrake

Terry Cairns

let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Leader:** I invite you to add your own prayers for the things the Lord has laid on your heart.

*The priest concludes with the following prayer*

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Priest:** All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to be reconciled with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*The people kneel or sit reverently.*



## Confession of Sin

**Priest and People:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions. The burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** Almighty God our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## The Comfortable Words

**Priest:** Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

## The Peace

*The people stand and greet each other with God's peace.*

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Announcements** *Also, see the last page of this booklet.*

## The Holy Communion

*Representatives of the congregation bring the elements to the altar and the offering is collected.*

### Offertory Anthem

*The people stand and sing **The Doxology** while the ushers present the offering.*

Words: St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: Old 100th, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

3 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.

# The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Priest:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

## S-125 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people kneel or sit reverently.*

**Priest:** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Priest and People:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

**Priest:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever.

**People:** Amen.

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

**People and Priest:** 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread and says*

**Priest:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Communion of the People**

*If you are a baptized Christian, we welcome you to Holy Communion at Light of Christ Anglican Church. Both the bread and the wine are offered at Communion. You may receive the wine by drinking from the cup or by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you do not wish to receive one of the elements, please indicate by crossing your arms upon your chest.*

*The people come forward as invited to do so by the ushers. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher during Communion of your desire to receive at your seat. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

**Eucharist Minister:** The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven.

**Communicant:** Amen.

**Eucharist Minister:** The Blood of Christ, the Cup of salvation.

**Communicant:** Amen.

## **Communion Hymns**

*The people are invited to join the choir in singing the last two Communion hymns:*

**Choir:** L-13 *My Lord, what a morning*

B-43 Emmanuel

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Emmanuel' in 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, His name is called Em - man - u - el: God with us, re - vealed in us! His name is called Em - man - u - el.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand, with some measures containing a 'g' marking, likely for a grand staff or specific fingering.

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## B-53 Jesus, name above all names

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, name above all names'. It is written in a 12/8 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.'

Words & Music: Naida Hearn, 1974

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## Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

**Priest:** Let us pray.

**Priest 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.

## Closing Hymn: B-50 *Bless'd be the God of Israel*

1. Bless'd be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3. My child, as proph-et of the Lord you will pre-prepare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm  
that we might wor - ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

The musical score consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the staves, with some lines of music continuing above or below the text.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b.1944); based on Luke 1:68-79  
Music: English folk tune, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
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*The deacon dismisses the people.*

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## CHURCH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please keep in your prayers** the following who are suffering from long-term illness:

Al Carstensen	Estelle Levitt	Susanne Giglio	Peter Tradowsky	Carol Parsons
Chuck Fodor	William Schoelwer	Nancy Brake	Elizabeth Schamber	Krista Keyser
David V. Haynie	Chris Helsley	Deanna Hosea	Bradley Townshend	Sylvia Arrighi
Cameron Blandford	Chris Cairns	Andrew Hutchinson	Leslie Frye	Fran Spilde
Tom Saffell	Dennis Garbis	Freddy Fife	Eugene Shreve	Grace Rice
Virginia Townshend	James Middleton	Baby Melody	Peggy Martin	Brian Shreve
Jenny Glick	Gavin Coughlin	Fred Anderson	Frank Smith	Nicholas Straight
Doug Smoot	Daisy Lou Workman	Sally Dalzell	Frances Shreve	Halle Cullison
Bob Dalzell	Myron Milhouser	Craig Babb	Ann & Steve Collie	Alex Zuckerman
Hector Negroni	Don Horton	Nina Martin	Beverly & Robert Edwards	Rusty Strange
Max & Ellie Knight	Stevie Walsh	Tad de Bordenave	Michael Brennan	John Bowman
Durrant & Rachel Kellogg	Janet Eichacker	Shirley Smith		

**Happy Birthday to Jim Logan** (December 10) and **Pat Brennan** (December 12)!

**Happy Anniversary to Constance McDearmon and Doug Smoot** (December 13)!

**A memorial service for the Rev. Jeffrey Cerar** will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16th with a reception immediately following.

**This morning immediately following worship**, we will convene our annual meeting. A luncheon prepared by Hospitality Team 1 (“Phoebe”) will follow the meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to stay for the meeting and lunch.

**Boxes of 2018 offering envelopes** are available in the parish hall. Please take the box with your name on it and sign the sheet to indicate you have done so. Also, if this is the first time you will be using offering envelopes, please take a box without a name on it and sign the sheet indicating the number of the envelopes. Any questions—call Betty Dillingham or the church office.

**Advent devotionals** are out on the counter in the narthex. Please take one for yourself and for a friend.

**Extra copies of the 2018 Personal Ministry Pledge** forms are available on the table in the parish hall. Pledges are due next Sunday, December 17th.

**Christmas Poinsettias**—We are again offering the opportunity for you to remember and honor loved ones and beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve worship by making a donation toward the purchase of Christmas poinsettias. Forms may be found on the table in the parish hall and in the December newsletter. The deadline for completed forms is Sunday, December 17th.

**Next Sunday, December 17th during coffee hour**, everyone is invited to help decorate the Christmas tree in the narthex.

**Anyone who has an “empty nest” on Christmas morning** is cordially invited to attend a Christmas Orphans’ Brunch on Christmas Day at the Beckett home (238 Hill Valley Lane) between 11 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This is not a potluck, so please just bring yourselves.

**The deadline for the January newsletter is next Sunday, December 17th.**

**Prayer Chain:** When you have a prayer need, please call Marie Carstensen at 462-7728, or you may send her an e-mail at [marievcar@gmail.com](mailto:marievcar@gmail.com).

**Prayer Line:** Call 804-724-8005 any time day or night to leave your prayer request or to ask someone to call you back to pray with you.

**Food Tub:** Your contribution of one or more cans or boxes of non-perishable food for the food tubs will be taken to Gleamers & Blenders and Shiloh Baptist Church for distribution to people in need in our community. Thank you.

**Thrift Shop Hours:** Tuesday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Thrift Shop Phone Number:** 529-6464

**Office Hours:** Mon. & Wed. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Vestry Meetings:** Third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

**Light of Christ Women’s Group:** Please check the bulletin board in the parish hall for information, dates, and times of meetings.

**Sunday Bulletin:** The deadline for announcements is Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Any changes should be called in by that time. Messages may be left on the answering machine.

**The Beacon Newsletter:** The deadline for articles is the third Sunday of each month. Please send articles and ideas to the church office at [lightofchristva@gmail.com](mailto:lightofchristva@gmail.com). The newsletter is available online at [www.lightofchristva.org](http://www.lightofchristva.org).