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First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

11:00 AM

Our Mission:

We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to
Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus
Christ.

Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians – regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background – are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries are located downstairs in the Parish Hall Wing. (Signs are posted)

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages:
 Preschool – 2nd - Room C Wendler Hall
 3rd - 5th - The Rock Room
 Middle and High School - Youth House
 Adults - Parish Hall

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public Healing
 and Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymnal 66



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;
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



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.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Tune: Stuttgart

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

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.**

The following is sung, all standing

Hymnal S-91

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

George A. MacFarren
(1813–1887)



Psalm 25

Ad te, Domine, Levavi

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my 'trust in 'you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my 'enēemies 'triumph 'over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be 'put to 'shame; *
let the treacherous be disap'pointed 'in their 'schemes.
- 3 Show me your 'ways, O 'Lord, *
and 'teach 'me your 'paths.
- 4 Lead me in your 'truth and 'teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted 'all the 'däy 'long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your com'passion and 'love, *
for 'they are from 'ever 'lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and 'my trans'gressions; *
remember me according to your love,
and for the 'sake of your 'goodness, O 'Lord.
- 7 Gracious and 'upright is the 'Lord; *
therefore he teaches 'sinners 'in his 'way.
- 8 He guides the humble in 'doing 'right *
and teaches his 'wäy 'to the 'lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are 'love and 'faithfulness *
to those who keep his 'covenant 'and his 'testimonies.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Sequence

All stand.

O day of God, draw nigh

Hymnal 601

Tune: St. Michael

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

Children's Sermon

Dawn McLendon

Sermon

The Rev. Chuck Woehler

Nicene Creed*All stand.*

**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.**

Prayers of the People Form III

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All stand or kneel.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence**The Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.**Minister 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.**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant says

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayer needs.

Communion Hymn

Jesus came, adored by angels

Hymnal 454

Tune: Lowry

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.**

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn

The King shall come when morning dawns

Hymnal 73

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in five numbered stanzas, with the first line of each stanza corresponding to the vocal line and the subsequent lines to the bass line.

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Tune: St. Stephen

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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Prayers for our Members

Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

Joe	Susan	Nancy	Patsy
Dorla	John	Amy	Dawn
Gail	Jim	Stuart	Matt
Carlie	Jamie		

What You Want to Know

***The Story* classes will be held at 10:10 AM, Sundays.**

Today we will study Chapter 12.

Breakfast for the whole family will be in the Great Room of Wendler Hall.

Listed below is the location of the classes for all age groups.

Pre-K and Kinder, Room C in Wendler Hall

1st and 2nd Grades, Room D in Wendler Hall

3rd thru 5th Grades, Rock Room, in the Parish Hall Wing

Mid School thru High School, Youth House

Adults, Great Room of Wendler Hall

Wednesday classes follow the Healing Service at 11:00 AM.

WooHoo! Men's Fellowship is cooking for the family this morning.

Angel Tree Project: Angel Tree Christmas gifts are due *by* Dec. 9th and food items *on* Dec. 16th.

As the weather turns colder, the need for food stuffs in our Maty's Box will increase. If you would like to contribute nonperishable items for those who are in need in our community, you will find the box on the corner of N. Main and Rock streets. Fill it up to fill an empty stomach.

Thinking Holy Baptism? Here are a few upcoming dates to consider.

Dec. 23 (9:00AM service)

Feb. 3rd

March 3rd (9:00AM service)

April 20th (Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil)

If you need alternatives to these dates, please contact Sheryl at sheryl@sthelenas.net

Did you know; when you make a purchase with Amazon you can list St. Helena's as you charity of choice and a portion will be donated to the church. It is so easy. Login at on their parallel site at www.smile.amazon.com select St. Helena's Episcopal Church Boerne, TX and give back with all that getting. Makes me smile.

A Walk in Bethlehem-Dec. 4th & 5th 6 PM & 7:30 PM each evening
Deconstruct Bethlehem - Dec. 8th
Contact Dawn McLendon at dawn@sthelenas.net

This is the time of year when we collect for Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to honor, remember or give thanks for the blessings in your life, please fill out a Poinsettia envelope with the appropriate sentiment and place your donation inside. The envelopes are found at the entrances to our worship services. Your special thoughts will be printed in our Christmas Eve bulletins. Deadline for submissions is December 13th. If you have questions, please contact Sheryl at sheryl@sthelenas.net.

As of November 27, St. Helena's has received 196 pledges for 2019 which total \$868,791. Many, many thanks to all who have made such a generous and faithful response! The goal of our program is that every active household make a faithful pledge to God's work at St. Helena's. You may make a pledge on-line at www.sthelenas.net or fill out a pledge card found in the bookrack, foyer or office.

Notice: Father David's sermons are now online at www.sthelenas.net under the Resources tab. Some good things simply bear repeating. *Enjoy!*

Altar Flowers

In Celebration of Molly and Ron Frishmuth's Anniversary

Weekly Calendar

- Sundays: Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, 10:10 Christian Ed, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. St. Helena's Bells, 3:00 p.m. Narcotics A, 8:00 p.m. AA
- Mondays: 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Lectionary Readings Study, 1:00 p.m. Ukulele practice, 5:00 p.m. Women's AA (*this group meets every other Tuesday*), 4:30 p.m. HCYO, 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
- Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 11:00 a.m. *The Story* Bible study, 4-5:30 p.m. 1st thru 5th Rock Solid, 4:15-5:30 Mid School, 5:30 p.m. SHOCK, 6:00 p.m. High School, 6:30 p.m. Worship Band 6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursdays: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Noon - 1 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Paws4Hearts 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
- Fridays: 9:30 a.m. AA Big Book
- Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. Women's AA

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11:00 Worship Leaders		Vestry Officers	
Acolytes:	Maddie Boutte, Andrew Boutte	Sr. Warden:	Tommy Mathews
Altar Guild:	Team: 1	Jr. Warden:	Jasen Hart
EM:	Matt Boutte, Judy McGrew	Secretary:	Julie Vickery
Prayer Team:	Molly Frishmuth	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Ushers:	Ron Frishmuth, Bob Vincent		
Vestry Host:	Jasen Hart, Erin Barton		



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