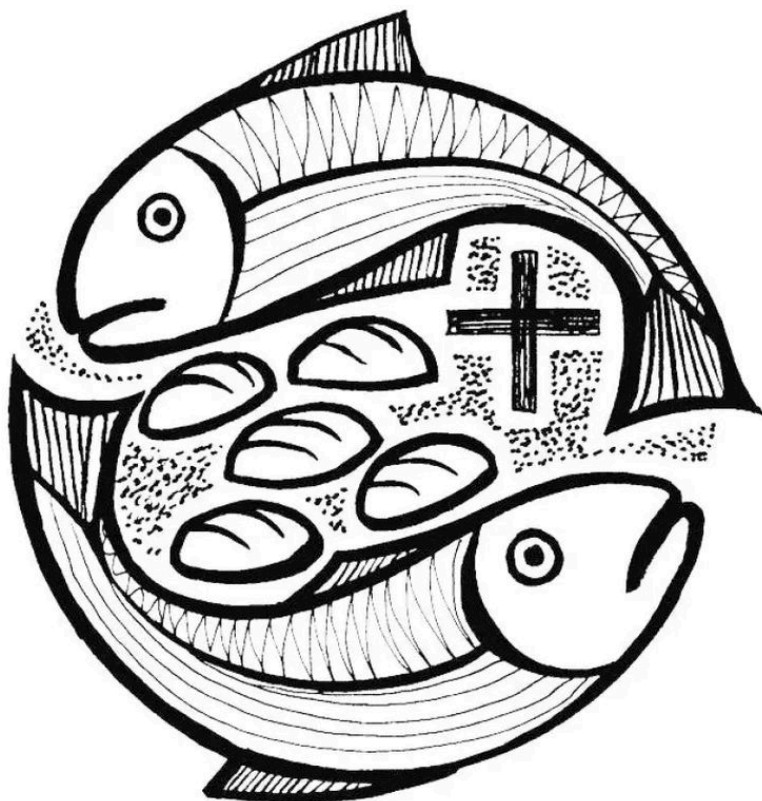




Holy Eucharist Rite I
Church of the Advent

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026, 8 AM

Welcome to Church of the Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. You can find coloring sheets and children's bulletins in the narthex.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks. The 1982 Hymnal is the blue book; the "S" pages from the hymnal appear at the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black-and-red hymnal at both ends of the pews.

Our services are live-streamed and available to the public via our YouTube channel. Please speak to an usher if you prefer not to be on camera.



New or Visiting This Morning?

We would love to pray for you by name this week and to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

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The Word of God

Please stand as able.

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

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

Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please kneel or stand as able.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray Thee, to trust in Thee with all our heart; seeing that, as Thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so Thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die’, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40 *Please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law**

and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶ **Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.

³⁸ **Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰ **See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.**

Second Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your

neighbour as yourself.’ ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵ ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth

about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Brian McVey

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

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Please kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People

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The Confession and Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Please stand as able.

The Peace

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Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with Thy spirit.**

Please sit.

The Welcome and Announcements

*The offering plates are on either side of the center aisle by the front pew.
You may also give online through the QR code on the right.*



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

Please kneel or stand as able.

Eucharistic Prayer I

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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This is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So, come you who have much faith and you who have little, have been here often and have not been for a long time, have tried to follow, and have failed. Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will that you who want God should meet God here.

All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

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Please kneel as able.

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

Dismissal

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The altar flowers are given today in thanksgiving for the Resurrection.

Thank you to our servers today.

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Brian McVey*

Lector: *Joshua McVey*

Chalice: *Nancy Allen*

Acolyte & Psalmist: *Joshua McVey*

Vestry: *Jeri Platt*

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