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DECEMBER 21, 2025 10:30 AM
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE RT. REV. GREG RICKEL IS THE PRESIDERS AND PREACHER TODAY.

VOLUNTARY **Call to Worship ~ 13 Bells**
O come, O come, Emmanuel *arr. Michael Helman*
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *arr. Judith E. Treisback*
New River Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reader On this fourth Sunday of Advent, Let us pray.

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children. Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. **Amen**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 74 Blest be the King whose coming
Valet will ich dir geben

THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

TRISAGION

S 102 Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Archangelsky

(sing three times)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Silence

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.**

A READING FROM ISAIAH 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18



Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Cantor sings the versicle – congregation sings the response

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading ^{Joseph} like a ^{flock}; *
shine forth, you that are en^{throned} up^{on} the ^{cherubim}.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, ^{Benjamin}, and Ma^{nasseh}, *
stir up your ^{strength} and ^{come} to ^{help} us.
- †3 Restore us, O ^{God} of ^{hosts}; *
show the light of your ^{countenance}, and ^{we} shall be ^{saved}.
- 4 O LORD ^{God} of ^{hosts}, *
how long will ^{you} be ^{angered}
de^{spite} the ^{prayers} of your ^{people}?
- 5 You have fed them with the ^{bread} of ^{tears}; *
you have given them ^{bowls} of ^{tears} to ^{drink}.
- 6 You have made us the de^{rision} of our ^{neighbors}, *
and our ^{enemies} ^{laugh} us to ^{scorn}.
- 7 Restore us, O ^{God} of ^{hosts}; *
show the light of your ^{countenance}, and ^{we} shall be ^{saved}.

16 Let your hand be upon the ¹man of ¹your ¹right hand, *
the son of man you have ¹made so ¹strong for your ¹self.

17 And so will we never ¹turn a ¹way from you; *
give us life, that we may ¹call up ¹on your ¹Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD ¹God of ¹hosts; *
show the light of your ¹countenance, and ¹we shall be ¹saved.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 262 By the Creator, Joseph was appointed Bickford
(Choir will sing verse 1, Congregation will join Choir on verse 2 and 3)

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 1:18-25.

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE RT. REV. GREG RICKEL

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

All standing

THE NICENE CREED

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

Loving God, you know our needs more deeply than we can ever know them
ourselves. Open our eyes to see as you do, that we may know your peace and grace in
our own lives. Bend our hearts through our prayer to know you and to love you more
perfectly, as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help those who follow you to see in each other the fullness of Christ, that we might
work together in joy to further your vision, for our world.

Leader Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Protect and bless your church in all its diversity and grant wisdom and strength to
those who guide and shape its life.

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Shower your blessings on the leaders of the nations, that they might seek solutions to the world's problems through peaceful cooperation.

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Help us to be witnesses to your promises in our own communities, that your glory might be reflected through us, that all may know the possibilities of your loving way, and guard and protect all who will be travelling in this time of celebration, be present to those who feel alone or forgotten, and comfort those who are reminded of their griefs.

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Bring wholeness to what is broken, relief to what causes pain, and healing to our illnesses. Lift up all who suffer that they may find peace through you. We pray especially for those on the All Saints' prayer list, and those you may add either silently or aloud *Silence*

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for our many blessings and give thanks for Cliff and Shane celebrating a birthday; for Earl and Kathryn celebrating an anniversary; and all those we name either silently or aloud*Silence*

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Assure us of your loving care for those who have died and bolster our faith that we may be reunited with them again someday. We pray especially for Harry, Jeanann, and Denise. Please add those you want to remember either silently or aloud
Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider You have loved us enough to take on human life as your own and to know our hopes and our fears. Hear now our prayers and fulfill them as may be best for us and all of this we ask through your Son, our Lord and advocate, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

"Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary, by Jon White and Lisa Graves, Church Publishing, 2024. "

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. The congregation may stand or kneel.

Presider and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharist Prayer 3

During the offertory anthem, we invite your offerings for All Saints' ministry of sharing God's love with the world. You may place your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or scan our QR code to give online



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Song of Mary

Harold Friedell

*Bring not a crown to wear, upon His head so fair, He needs no gold upon His shining hair,
Place not a sceptre in His hands, For This my babe no glory understands, Nor shall He reign
o'er earthly lands. Bring not your incense sweet, to lay before His feet, For thrones shall pass
and kingly joys are fleet. Greet not my babe in homage deep, Let no praise break upon His
sleep, Like guarding angels, silence keep. Bring Him your hearts alone, to God such gifts are
known, The poor and meek the Father calls His own, Only your love and service bring, At
gifts so sweet the Heaven sing, O enter now and greet your King!*

OFFERTORY HYMN 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel
(Verses 7 & 8 only)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Presider

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and People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

You may kneel, sit, or stand as you choose

Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People **Dying, you destroyed our death.**

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your saints and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and

in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Presider

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Presider and People

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider 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 MUSIC

A Communion Prelude

arr. Charles Callahan

Frank Jimenez, Flute

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Said by the Presider and intended for use by those watching our Livestream.

Holy One, though I am unable to be physically present today with the worshiping community at All Saints Church, I have prayed with them as the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated. In my heart I feel connected to those worshiping at All Saints and with Christians throughout the world. Though I am unable to receive you sacramentally today, I know You are always spiritually present in my heart, in my soul, and in my every breath. For this I give thanks and praise. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Holy One, open our hearts and minds that we may discern your will. Grant us patience and perseverance as we wonder and wait for the one whom you send. We pray for a new rector who will provide leadership to help us embody the deep and unbounded love of Christ that is alive in our parish and community. We pray for the search committee to listen and respond with wisdom and gratitude each step of the way. We pray for our parishioners to find comfort with uncertainty during the search period. We pray for the priests we meet through this search as they prayerfully consider if they are called to All Saints. Help us, O God, to trust what we cannot yet see. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 438 Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Paul Manz

Opus 5, No. 2

Thanks to Dan Bishop, Frank Jimenez, and the All Saints Choir
for our music today.

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<https://allsaintsfl.org/leadership> and *click on VESTRY*

**There will not be a Wednesday Noonday Healing and Eucharist service
or the Thursday Evening Vespers this week.**

**Please join us for our Christmas Eve services at
4:00 PM and 10:30 PM to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth
on Wednesday, December 24.**

**You are also welcome to join us on
Thursday, December 25, at 9:30 AM to celebrate Christ's birth.**

**Please join us online each evening, except Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. for our
SERVICE OF COMPLINE.**

BLESSINGS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK DEC. 21 – 27

Birthdays: Clifford McIntosh and Shane O'Neill

Anniversaries Earl and Kathryn Congdon

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Mon. – Fri.	Easier Softer Way (AA)	8:00 am	Neaverson
Wed. 12/24	Christmas Nativity Service	4:00 pm	
	Choral Concert	10:30 pm	
	Christmas Holy Eucharist	11:00 pm	
Thurs. 12/25	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	9:30 am	
Sun. 12/28	Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	
	Adult Forum	9:15 am	Neaverson
	Children's Sunday School	10:30 am	Parish House
	FYI Table		
	Packing the Packets after the 10:30 am service		Neaverson

ADULT FORUM WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK AT 9:15 AM IN NEAVERSON.

All are welcome! This week Bishop Greg will present the history of the Episcopal Church during the Civil War.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM CAT FITZPATRICK

Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths and centerpieces for Cat Fitzpatrick's scouting fundraiser! She was able to raise \$158 for upcoming campouts and events !

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th AT 10:30 AM

Welcome to All Saints! We invite you to join us in active participation in the worship of God. The service of worship begins with the music of the organ and continues with prayers and passages from the Bible.

Through its power and brilliance, may you feel God's majesty and glory – in its quietness, God's peace. It is the blessing of the birth of our Lord to share with all of your friends and families in this season of joy and giving.

SAVE THE DATE!

"PACKING THE PACKETS"

DECEMBER 28, AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE

December 28th, we are "Packing the Packets" after the 10:30 AM service in Neaverson Chapel. Everyone is invited to help us make packets for people in need. This is a great way to share with those in need who are on the streets asking for a handout. Instead of giving cash, you can give a "packet" that will give them some nutriment to help them through the day. Plus, there is a note that is included in the packet that gives them the phone number to a "Broward Help Line" and also a comment that "God loves you."

The funds that are collected are recycled into the "Outreach Fund" to purchase more supplies for the packets. A special thanks to Frank Asterita, Cynthia and Jon Floria for keeping the supply going for us. The Outreach Committee says a big THANKS for your support!

Thanks again for your generosity and helping others. Blessings!

Upcoming Events at All Saints

Wed. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Nativity Service	4:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Chorale Concert & Holy Eucharist	10:30 pm
Thur. Dec. 25	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	9:30 am
Sun. Dec. 28	Christmas 1 Holy Eucharist	8:00 am
	Christmas Lessons & Carols & Holy Eucharist	10:30 am
	Christmas 1 Holy Eucharist at John Knox Village	1:30 pm
Sun. Jan. 4	Christmas 2 Holy Eucharist	8 & 10:30 am
Sat. Jan, 10	Memorial Service for Denise Restaino	10:00 am
Sun. Jan. 11	Epiphany 1 Holy Eucharist – Baptism of Jesus	8 & 10:30 am

Renew your baptismal vow

Please join us for any and all of these services to experience the truly and blessed message of this holy season.



2025 BOAT PARADE FESTIVAL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

**Thanks to the many volunteers who made this year's
Boat Parade Festival a huge success.**

**Special thanks to our co-chairs, Rick Ritacco and Mark Sommerfield.
This year was a banner year for us as together we raised over \$14,000
(a record !!!) to help support our ministries here at All Saints.
Our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who helped make
this day possible and memorable.**



DEDICATION OF ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES 2026

The sign up for 2026 dedication of Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary Candles is now available online or contact the office to schedule a special date.

Due to the increase in cost, the donation for Altar Flowers will be \$125; and during Advent, will be \$40 for the Altar Greens. Flowers are not used during Lent. The Sanctuary Candle will be \$25 for each week.

A special thank you to everyone for their support of our Flower Guild which adds to the beauty and enrichment of our Church.