St Aidan's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

Welcome to St Aidan's

Welcome to St Aidan's! Thank you for sharing your worship with us. We pray you will experience God's presence in our worship and hope you join us again. If this is your first time with us, relax and simply follow along with those around you. Please fill out a guest information card located on the chair shelf, or sign the guest register on your way out. A few tips…

- **We all use Name Tags** to help us not only get to know our visitors more easily, and vice versa, but to refresh our memories about who we are. If you do not have a name tag, please fill one out for yourself and place it on your chest. Name tag supplies may be found in the green satchel on the shelf of the chair in front of you. If you want or need a permanent St Aidan's name tag, sign up for one on the sheet next to the name tag rack in Dietel Hall. *(no cost)*
- **Children in Church:** We love children in worship. The little noises and sounds they make are music to our ears. They are an indication of life, and God's grace. Teaching children how to worship and pray in church is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child. There are activities packs in the narthex for little ones who need more tactile engagement. If children become especially noisy (screams, yells, cries, etc.) feel free to leave the service and return when things are more calm. We have a nursery space near the main entrance that is quiet and has tables, toys, and things that may help. Coming and going from worship as needed is never a problem.
- **Prayers of the People:** Add names to the Prayers by telling the priest or the usher, by contacting the church office, or by adding petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud at designated times.
- **Assistive Hearing Devices:** Available at the back of the church, behind the piano and organ.
- **Silence & Sacred Space:** Observing silence before the service helps others prayerfully prepare for worship.

Weekly Announcements

Coffee Hour: 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Adult Forum: 9:15—9:45 a.m. Weekday Eucharist: Wed. 10am

Coming Up:

The Redemption of Scrooge
Adult Forum: Dec, 6, 13, 20 at 9:15

Christmas Bake Sale & Bazaar
December 12, 9-1 p.m.

Christmas Concert
with Jeff Johnson & Guests
December 21, 7:30 p.m.

Cookies & Carols to The Homebound
December 21 at 12:00

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8 O'CLOCK – HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

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Announcements; Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel prayers

The Offertory

The Presentation

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

This first candle of the Advent Wreath is for HOPE.

The candle is lit.

Reader: The prophet Isaiah declares, "From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him" (Isaiah 64:4). Today, we continue to wait and call out in hope for God's restoration to meet us here, believing that God knows our struggles and works even now for the fulfillment of our salvation.

When God feels far away, and our lament feels too heavy to bear, **we remember God's steadfast love.**

May this love empower us to wait and watch in hope for the day when God's kingdom comes **on earth as it is in heaven.**

THE FIRST LESSON:

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

THE RESPONSE: *Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim,
Benjamin, and Manasseh *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

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

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

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

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

THE EPISTLE: A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and

to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity & godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our Bishop, and Drew, our Rector; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President and Bob, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Kelly** St Martin, **Patty** Vermilye, **Mary** Burns, **Jackie** Humes-Fear, **Joy** Strain, **David** Miller, **Judy** Trammell, **Don** Perry, **Chris** Clark, **Thomas** Semkow, **Robert** Semkow, **Barbara** Brooks, **Jessica** Larsen, **Arra** Morrison, **Michelle** Swain, **Bill** Vermilye, **Tony** Conner, **Gino** Conner, **Sandra** Barnhill Harris, **Jerry** Sheehan, **Wendy** Campbell, and **Patty** Both. And all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially **Marno** Goetsch, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St Aidan, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

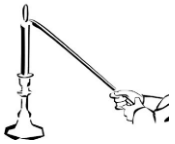
THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent signifies a three-fold preparation for the coming of Christ: first in the incarnation at Bethlehem, then in his ongoing presence in the Eucharist, and lastly when he comes again in glory and majesty. Practices in Advent include Advent calendars, lighting an Advent wreath, praying Advent daily devotionals, erecting a Christmas tree, lighting a Christingle, and setting up a Jesse Tree. Because it's a penitential season of preparation it is customary to refrain from most of the celebratory Christmas decorations and carols before Dec. 24. There's no rule against it, but it's good to let anticipation grow so Christmas is truly joyous.

ALTAR SERVERS

8:00 AM — **November 29, 2026**

Lector	JoAnn Moffett
Chalice Bearer	Ann Morgan
Acolyte	Jim Miller
Usher	Kathy Hosley



ALTAR GUILD

Susie White, Micki-Jo Palmer, Sue Perry

FLOWER GUILD

Mary McConnaughey (next: Marilyn R)



ALTAR FLOWERS

Evergreens will take the place of flowers on the altar during the season of Advent. Please consider donating a Christmas Poinsettia. See insert.

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary has been missed, please contact the church office and let the Parish Secretary (Lenore) know. Thank you!

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