



## ***Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel***

The Third Sunday in Advent – December 12, 2021

The Rev. Patricia E. Henking, Vicar ☩ The Rev. Michael B. Reinke, Curate  
Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret, Music Director; Jane Howard & Therese Wright, Wardens  
8:30 am – The Holy Eucharist Rite 1 – BCP page 323 and following  
10:00 am – An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist, *BCP p, 400 ff*

- ✦ *Please wear a mask & observe social distance whether or not you are vaccinated.*
- ✦ *Also note: **This color print** signifies *music*. **Bold, black Italics** signifies "Please say in unison."*
- ✦ *The Bishop's Committee meets this Friday at 7:00 pm at the Wrights.*
- ✦ *Pledge Packets and sheets are available! Please turn in 2022 pledges by the end of this month!*
- ✦ *Poinsettia and other memorials for Christmas are welcome – please use the order sheet.*

**Gathering and Announcements – Opening Hymn #56 v.5-6 – *O come, O come, Emmanuel***

**The Collect for Purity – Unison – *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.***

**Collect for Advent 3:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lighting of the Advent Candles (Song Sheet) – *Light one Candle (NEJ-C)***

**A Scripture Reading – *Philippians 4:4-7***

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**The Gradual Hymn #59 – *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding***

**A Gospel Reading – *Luke 3:7-18***

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ☩ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ☩ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**Homily – *The Prophet Addresses Us in the Wilderness***

**Our Thank Offering, followed by the Prayers of the People ☩ from *A New Zealand Prayer Book pp. 413-414***

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: Father, enliven the Church for its mission.

***That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.***

Breathe fresh life into your people. ***Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.***

We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

***That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.***

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

***Teach us to care creatively for its resources.***

We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom all those who affect the lives of others.

***That all leaders may act with integrity and courage.***



Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.** We pray for those in need: *(Intercessions may be offered.)* God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion. **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: *(Remembrances may be offered.)* We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory. **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries: **Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✚ Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**At the Offertory & Preparation of the Altar Hymn #76 – On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

**Consecration of Bread and Wine – The Great Thanksgiving**



Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Let us pray together:

**We give thanks to God for the work and blessing of Creation – and for sending Christ into the world in Love and Peace. We remember before God our hope in gathering today ...**

🎵 **Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!**  
**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say, the words: You are holy, Lord!**

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."

**Recalling Christ's suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this remembrance of your unfailing love.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

**We pray that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work, and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.**

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 Breaking of the Bread, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion**

**During Communion (Song Sheet) – Ukuthula (NEJ-C)**, Then the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing – Recessional Hymn #66 – Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

**Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Ukuthula. Thanks be to God. Ukuthula.**