

Service of Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Advent



December 15, 2019
8:00 AM

Calvary Episcopal Church
806 Thompson Road
Richmond, TX 77469
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THE REV. LECIA BRANNON, LOCUM TENENS
THE REV. NANCY WILKES, DEACON

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

8:00 AM

The Word of God (B.C.P., PG. 323)

Processional Hymn

HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES

Hymn # 72

The people standing, the Presider says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider continues

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie Eleison

Priest

We are healed and made holy by the mer-cy of God. and so let us acclaim Christ our Savior.

(♩ = ca. 54)

Capo 3: (D) F (A) (Em) (D/F#)(A7)
All F C Gm F/A C7

(D) (F#) (Bm) (Em/G) (D/A) (A) (D)
F A/C# Dm Gm/Bb F/C C F

The Collect of the Day (BCP pg. 160)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says the Collect.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two lessons, as appointed, are read.

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people;

no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary, Canticle 15

Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55

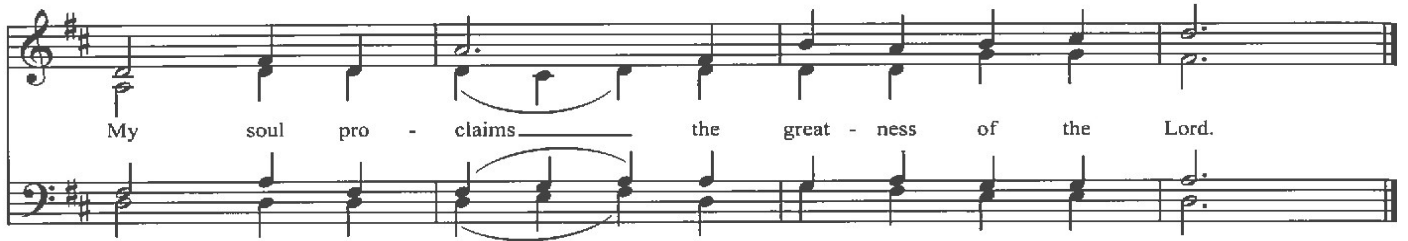
B.C.P. p. 91

Cantor sings antiphon, then the congregation sings the antiphon.

Verses are sung by the cantor; the congregation sings the antiphon after vs. 2, vs. 45, vs. 6 and vs. 8.

RCL Advent 3A Canticle 15

based on "Birmingham" (H82-437)



- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. *Antiphon*
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
- 4 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit. *Antiphon*
- 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty. *Antiphon*
- 7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise he has made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Antiphon*

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (standing)

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

Hymn # 76

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lecia Brannon

The Nicene Creed (standing)

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.

The Prayers of the People

Advent Prayers of the People

Leader For the church everywhere, that we may be one and that your Holy Spirit may be with us, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For a blessing on all those who seek to be your people; for a better understanding of our faith, that we may follow you more nearly and that we might come to understand the gift and beauty of diversity, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For Michael, our presiding bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our bishops; Lecia, our priest, Nancy, our Deacon, and the people of Calvary church who are called to be a Light to the world, that we may be given your words to speak wherever we go, and that your will may be done and not our own, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For an awakening of your will for our nation and for our leaders, especially Donald and Greg, and for all in authority, that together we may come to truly understand and rejoice in your will, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For the nourishment of the earth and all people; for the fruit and provisions given to us by

you, our Creator; that all the people of the world will come to enjoy the blessings of creation and that there may be an end to all suffering, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader For the young and the old, for widows and orphans, for the sick and the infirmed, for the poor and the unemployed, for those who mourn and for those who rejoice; for comfort and restoration for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially, that they may know the power of your healing love, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader For prisoners and all who care for them, for captives and all who remember them, for refugees and all who shelter them, and for the hungry and all who feed them, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially, commending them to your loving hands, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader Praising you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory, that their example may inspire and encourage us, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

People Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Calvary, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession

B.C.P. p. 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution and Comfortable Words

B.C.P. p. 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements
Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Holy Communion

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar

THE OFFERTORY

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

Hymn # 67

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer II, B.C.P., pg. 340)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People
THE SANCTUS

Hymnal # S-125

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are 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.***

The people kneel or remain standing. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE GREAT AMEN

Hymn #741
1940 Hymnal

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JOHN STAINER

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

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.


Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

At Communion

The ushers will guide you down the center aisle to the Communion Rail where you may kneel or stand.

All who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.

<p>The Bread will be outstretched palm. Wine may be sipped you leave the Bread server will make the If you prefer to receive only the Bread or the Wine, or desire only a blessing, you may so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. After Communion, we ask that you return to your seats using the side aisles.</p>	 <p>Gluten Free hosts are available for communion. Please make yourself known to the minister at the altar rail.</p>	<p>placed in your After you eat it, the from the chalice. If in your hand, the</p>
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Communion Hymn

*O COME, O COME EMMANUEL
"THY KINGDOM COME!"*

**Calvary Choir
Hymn # 615**

Post Communion Prayer (standing or kneeling)

B.C.P. p. 339

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing:

The Priest blesses the people with the following or similar words,
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

TELL OUT, MY SOUL, THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD

Hymn # 437

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

We ask God's healing grace for the current concerns of: Laura Alishia, Barbara Ambrose, Sammie Bagozzi, Ashley Bull, Mary Ann Carmona & Family, Michael Carmona, Ruth Carrell, Scott Clarke, Jumarko Coleman, Millie Cordero, Abbigalita DeLeon, John Durfey, Erik Garcia, Josie Garcia, Chayito Garza & Family, Celeste Good, Chelsea Hagan, Tia Hamman, Patrick Holken, Pat & Gene Hooten, Mary Ann Innes, Ginger Jackson, Rebecca Jiminez, Donnell Johnson, Emily Johnson, Yolanda Lopez, Helen Machec, Charlene Miller, Jewlon Morris, Laura Nieto, Tina Nguyen, Soni Oyekan, Scott, Tami & Rowan, Margaret Richardson, Nieves Samora & Family, Rosella Samora, Juanita Sisnado & Family, Liz Stephens, Emanuel Valdez, Ranti Valdez, Trung Vu, Carol Wagner, Leon Washington, Debbie Werner.

For the continuing concerns of: David Barnhart, Chris Bull, Myra Bull, Brett Butler, Jalie Carrasco, Diane Childs, Jordan Crowe, Evelyn Deiss, Sally Farnum, Leanne Fleckenstine, Carol Hensley, Tasha Hernandez, Jeremy Hillis, Aggie Kendrick, Ann & Mike Kidda, Chris Kilgard, Charles & Brenda Kveton, Jane Lewis, Dorothy Lyons, Trampus Marek, Joyce Matuszewski, Diane McCabe, Kelly Murley, Michael Murley, Rock Owens, Jane Rau, Donald Sessamen, Luther & Jeannette Stacy, Gavin Strimple, Kathleen Sutherland, Katherine Suttill, Flavio, Effi & Thomas Toledo, Kelly Wallis, Mark Warner, Eric Wehner, Sterling Wehner, Kelley Williams, Peggy Young.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace: Danny Metzger

Please keep Dale Butler, Jack Butler, Richard Carrell, Sean Dantimo, Paul Easter, Jr., Tyler Freeman, Alex Iversen, Caleb Kilpatrick, Don Michael, Taylor Moran, Terra Suttill, Ryan Trenck, Jim Williams, Isaiah Jose Zarate, **and all the members of our armed forces who are serving in peace keeping missions throughout the world in your prayers.**

When sending communion to those that are unable to be with us.

Celebrant and People

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given in thanksgiving for our anniversary by Kaye and Tom Carter; and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren given by Dorothy and John Lyons.

2019 & 2020 FLOWER SIGN UP

The notebook to sign up for 2020 flower offerings in the Narthex.

Please stop by and sign up. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

For more information, call the church office 281-342-2147.

Adult Formation and Education 2019 Lending Library

Books on theological topics and interests are available to borrow. They are located in the Parlor. Enjoy!

Because of your kind offerings on Thanksgiving Day, Calvary Church donated \$600 to Helping Hands.

To Assist You:

- ◆ Listening devices are available at the Sound Board at the back of the Sanctuary.
- ◆ A kiosk for online giving is located through the double doors leaving the Baptistry chapel for use on Sunday mornings. There are online giving cards you can place in the offering plate to acknowledge your gift. A greeter or usher can direct you.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



It is time to order the poinsettias that add to the beauty of the church at Christmas. The suggested donation is \$15 per plant. Please return this form with your check to the church office or drop in the alms basin today. Call Heidi at the church office with questions. (281) 342-2147

Deadline to order is December 16

I wish to order _____ poinsettias. I enclose \$_____.

Name _____

Dedications: To the Glory of God and

In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

Attach extra sheets if necessary

If you are visiting with us today - **WELCOME to Calvary!**
 Please fill out a visitor cards found in the pew back in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our ushers.

SUNDAY LAY MINISTERS

8:00 AM Service

Acolyte: Bob Morris
Lector: Janice Linsenmayer
Worship Leader: Sheila Phillips
Greeter: Carol Ann Christian
Usher: Roy Christian
Early Service Vestry Person is:
 Jim Kidda

10:30 AM Service

Acolytes: Rylea Broussard, Hogan Kniss,
 Nicholas Seiler
Lector: Catherine Clark
Eucharistic Minister: Susan Grotte
Worship Leader: Mark Servantes
Greeters: Lori Hoy, Frank Lemkowitz, Lisa Lemkowitz
Ushers: Debbie Pohler, Raymond Pohler,
 Don Bagozzi, Sammie Bagozzi
Late Service Vestry Person is:
 Oscar Lozano

2019 Vestry

Amber Zentis, Sr. Warden
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SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY 8:00 AM-Traditional Service
 (followed by fellowship in the parish hall)
9:30 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM-Contemporary Service
 (followed by fellowship in the parish hall)
TUESDAY 9:30 AM- Service in Chapel

Upcoming Events

December 15	Advent 3-Christmas Cookies Rosenberg Symphonic Band Concert 5:00 PM
December 22	Advent 4-Christmas Pageant Greening of the Church
December 24	Christmas Eve Services 5:00 PM and 10:30 PM
December 25	Christmas Day Service @ 10:30 AM