



Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Opening Hymn: H-74 | *Blest be the King whose coming*

Gospel Hymn: H-64 | *O heavenly Word, eternal Light*

Communion Hymn: H-53 | *Once he came in blessing*

Closing Hymn: H-66 | *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

The Collect/ Prayer 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.*

Readings: https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Advent/CAAdv1_RCL.html

Psalm 25:1-9 – Prayed responsively by half verse

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year of married life together, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness, patience, wisdom, and grace, that what they have begun together they may end in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gifts for Montgomery County's Child Welfare Services – Please bring unwrapped gifts this Sunday - St. Nick's is providing unwrapped holiday gifts to the children in Montgomery County Child Welfare Services (CWS). Gifts will be for children of all ages between 0-18. Toys, games, clothing, books, sports gear, etc. - all gift type items are appreciated. Target gift cards are also accepted. MoCo social workers will provide the gifts to the appropriate families. Thank you for helping St. Nick's in our efforts to make the holidays brighter for children in the CWS system.

Laredo Grill to Support El Hogar – Join us tomorrow evening, December 2 at 6:00 PM for dinner at Laredo Grill, 347 Muddy Branch Road. Write “St. Nicholas” on the restaurant receipt and a portion (10%) of your purchase will be donated back to St. Nick’s for our Educational Partnership at El Hogar.

St Nicholas’ Christmas Party – Please plan to come to St. Nicholas’ Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. We will have a potluck supper, a raffle auction and holiday singing. We hope everyone will be able to attend. Please sign up at church or on the SignUp Genius link.

Calling all men who sing – Carolyn would love for you to contact her about singing with the choir for Christmas. Please see her after worship or email her at carolyndeibel@gmail.com.

Walk in Love – Please submit your 2025 Giving Estimate cards electronically on our website or in the offering plate to help the Vestry plan for 2025. Deadline is December 15th. Thank you.



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