

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Venice, FL

November 30, 2025

The First Sunday in Advent

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II – 10:00am



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Entrance Rite

Introit:

Advent Responsory

Choir

I look from afar: and lo, I see the Power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

(FIRST RESPONSORY OF ADVENT SUNDAY IN THE OFFICE OF MATINS, EARLY MEDIEVAL ROMAN RITE)

The Advent Litany in Procession Plainsong

The use of a litany in procession has been a part of Christian liturgy for centuries. In the medieval Western Church, the Sunday mass typically began with an extended litany in procession with petitions to God.

Cantor: Foretold by John on the banks of the Jordan, immerse us into a baptism of repentance, so that we may rise from water, reaching out our hands to people of all faiths who long for your goodness, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Cantor: Lamb of God, enlighten and strengthen your Church, so that we may be stewards of your abundance and joyful heralds of the banquet to which all are invited, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Cantor: Herald of Good News, may all our words and deeds loosen the yoke of the troubled and lighten the burden of the poor, so that what we proclaim becomes what we spend ourselves to accomplish, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Cantor: Heir of David's Throne, empower us to establish justice in our cities and communities and to honor the covenant into which we have entered, so that all homes may be lively and joyful and all children may flourish, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Cantor: Head of the Household, may what you have entrusted to us, our homes, families, friends, and possessions, be ready always for your arrival, and keep us alert to the signs of your presence, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Cantor: Bridegroom of our Soul, draw us beyond selfish desire and fear, so that we may give ourselves fully to you, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

All

Come, Lord Je - sus! Come!

Detailed description: A single staff of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, and G4. The lyrics 'Come, Lord Je - sus! Come!' are written below the staff, with hyphens under 'Je' and 'sus!'.

Cantor: Incarnate of the Virgin Mary, care for our flesh, heal our diseases, strengthen our weakness, and enfold us at last in your peace, and may what is done in us be according to your will, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Cantor: Child of Bethlehem, make us your children, simplify and soften our hearts so that we may enter the realm of God with gratitude and joy, for we look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Gracious God, Eternal Light, come among us! Enter our darkness and guide us in those paths of justice and peace that fulfill your purposes for us. Lift us up to rejoice forever in the life of the Holy Trinity, for we look to you in hope, and praise you, with the Father, and the Spirit, one God, from before time and through all eternity.

Cantor *All*

LORD, HAVE MER- CY UP- ON US. LORD, HAVE MER- CY UP- ON US.

Detailed description: Two staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the melody for 'LORD, HAVE MER- CY UP- ON US.' in G major, 4/4 time, with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff is labeled 'All' and contains the same melody. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Cantor *All*

CHRIST. HAVE MER- CY UP- ON US. CHRIST, HAVE MER- CY UP- ON US.

Detailed description: Two staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the melody for 'CHRIST. HAVE MER- CY UP- ON US.' in G major, 4/4 time, with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff is labeled 'All' and contains the same melody. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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.*

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

The people sit. Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
 the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

Laetatus sum

William Russell
(1777–1813)



Choir:

1 I was glad when they/ said • to/ me, *
Let us/ go to • the/ house of • the/ Lord.

All:

2 Now our/ feet • are/ standing *
within your/ gates/, O • Je-/ rusalem.

3 Jerusalem is/ built • as a/ city *
that is at/ uni- • ty/ with • it-/ self;

4 To which the tribes go up,
the/ tribes of • the/ Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to/ praise • the/ Name of • the/ Lord.

5 For there are the/ thrones • of/ judgment, *
the/ thrones of • the/ house • of/ David.

6 Pray for the/ peace of • Je-/ rusalem: *
—/“May • they/ prosper • who/ love you.

7 Peace be with-/ in • your/ walls *
and/ quietness • with-/ in • your/ towers.

8 For my brethren and com-/ pan- • ions'/ sake, *

I/ pray • for/ your • pros-/ perity.

9 Because of the house of the/ Lord • our/ God, *

I will/ seek • to/ do • you/ good.

Choir

*Glory to the Father and/ to • the/ Son, // and/ to • the/ Ho•ly/ Spirit; **
As it was in the be/ginning, • is/ now, // and will be for/ev•er./A/men.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The people sit.

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN “SLEEPERS WAKE!” A VOICE ASTOUNDS US Hymnal 61

The Holy Gospel: MATTHEW 24:36-44

All stand

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But

understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

FR. JOE HUDSON

After the Sermon, the people remain seated and observe a time of silent reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

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All stand.

**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 PEACE

All Stand as able

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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The Presider says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

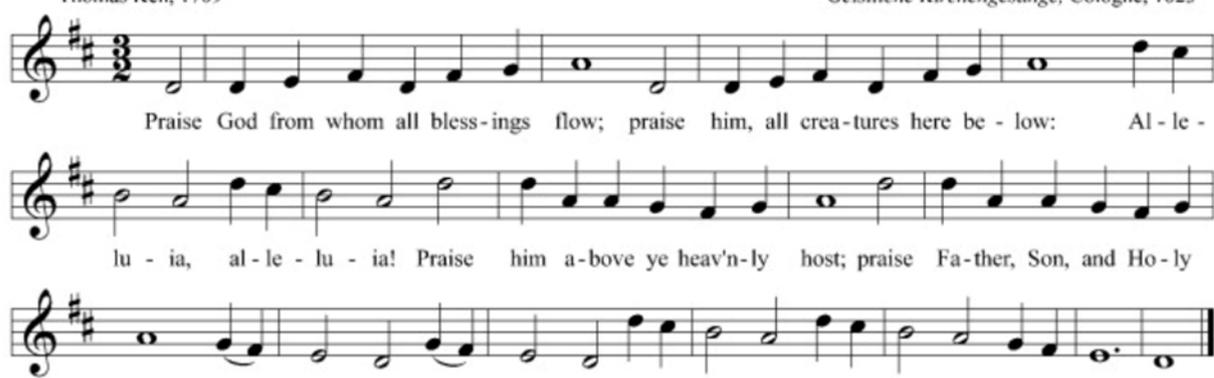
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord

C. Tye

PRESENTATION HYMN

Thomas Ken, 1709 Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Great Thanksgiving

People remain standing, as able

SURSUM CORDA

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your 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, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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The People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People:

Celebrant

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 LORD'S PRAYER

PLAINSONG

Hymnal S 119

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

All:

**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.**

The Presider says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS ETERNAL RULER OF THE CEASELESS ROUND Hymnal 617

SOON AND VERY SOON

LEVAS 14

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king**

**No more cryin' there, ...
(Interlude) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

**No more dyin' there, ...
(Interlude) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
(Interlude) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,**

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel

After Communion, the Presider says

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Let us pray.

Presider and People:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

BLESSINGS

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May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Hymnal 57

DISMISSAL

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Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Praeludium IV

H. Schröder



Birthdays

- 1 – Kathy Schatz
Linda Kelley
- 3 – Pamela Dietz
- 4 – Bernice Allison
- 5 – Ann Improta
- 6 – Maureen Bentley

Anniversaries

- 3 - Cheryl & Derek Henwood

November 30 – December 6, 2025
Good Shepherd Welcomes All!
We're glad you're here!

If you are new, we invite you to fill out a WELCOME CARD found in the back of the hymnal and at the WELCOME DESK in the entry. Cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher.



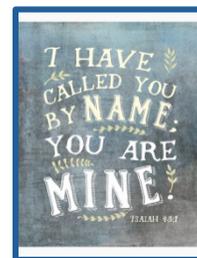
If you are a first-time visitor to Good Shepherd, we welcome you! At announcement time, if you are comfortable, we invite you to introduce yourselves.

We also invite you to join us at coffee hour immediately after our 10 a.m. service. Please sit at our Visitor table and our Hospitality team will serve you coffee and goodies and then spend some time getting to know you.

Would you like to be listed in our Good Shepherd Parish Directory?

If so, please complete the yellow Directory Sign Up card that is located at our Connections Center near the garden doors at the back of our Parish Hall.

See Nancy Fees to have a photo taken for the directory



Name Tags

If you would like a Good Shepherd name tag, please put your name on the list at the Connections Center. Your completed tag will be available at the table near the Welcome Desk the next Sunday.

PRAYERS - November 30 - December 6, 2025

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: *Barbara, Steven, Jane, Terri, Patrick, Karli, Christopher, Elaine, Celeste, Doreen, Maggie, Francis, Anita and Paul, Pat, Dee, Cathy and Jeff, Holly, Sue, Margo and Family, Peter, George and Samantha, Lorelei, George, Brian, Sherry, Wayne,*

SERVING OR LIVING IN HARM'S WAY: Robert Matern, Kevin Sweet, Max Wilson, Matthew Stricker, Sam Blair, Mason Roush, Chris Hoffman, Joseph Sharpe and James Kilroe.

FOR OUR DIOCESE AND COMPANION DIOCESES:

The Diocese of Southwest Florida— The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf , Our Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Companion Diocese of Georgia, Companion Diocese of South Carolina, Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Church of the Epiphany, Cape Coral; Iona-Hope, Fort Myers; Lamb of God, Fort Myers; St. Hilary's, Fort Myers; St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; Good Shepherd, LaBelle; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres; All Souls', North Fort Myers; St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel, and St. John's, Pine Island.

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Jim Bieber by Kim Bieber; and the Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of Almighty God and in Thanksgiving for Life by Holly Wilson.

Sign up for flower or candle dedications in the white binder located at the CONNECTIONS CENTER near the garden doors in the Parish Hall.

Weekly Email Blast - If you do not receive the weekly email blast & would like to be added, please contact Nancy Fees at communication@goodshepherdvenicefl.org or call the church office 941-497-7286.

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

When the office is closed, you may leave a voice message by telephone or email us. The office phone number is 941-497-7286. The email address - office@goodshepherdvenicefl.org.

If you are calling with a pastoral care emergency after hours, please leave a message on the church office voicemails. Voicemails are monitored overnight and on weekends. OR, you may call any of our Clergy directly at the numbers below if you need assistance, support, and prayer.

- Fr. Joe Hudson at (573) 450-9059
- Fr. John Warfel at (845) 548-9064
- Archdeacon Michael Kitt at (847) 525-5546
- Deacon Rich Wilson at (407) 461-2109
- Deacon John Riherd at (503) 753-5115

**Serving in Ministry at Good Shepherd
The First Sunday in Advent – November 30, 2025**

	Rite II – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider Preaching	Fr. John Warfel Fr. Joe Hudson	Fr. Joe Hudson Fr. Joe Hudson
Assisting	Deacon John Riherd	Deacon John Riherd
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Judy Jarvis	Jean Smithies Bob Sawyer
1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People	John Pearson Judy Jarvis Deacon John Riherd	Pam Clark Pat Madyda Mary Jo Cooney
Prayer Team		EK Beall/Liz Bosch
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Greeters		Pat Madyda & Katie Wolfe
Ushers	Elizabeth Norton	Babs & Art Pringle
Tech Team	Sound – Bob Sawyer	Cameras – Maria Voreh CamCorder – Paul Altimier Sound – Joe Bentley Director – Nancy Fees
Secure Building		Joe Bentley

**This Week at Good Shepherd
The First Sunday in Advent**

- SUNDAY** 11/30 The First Sunday in Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 a.m.
- MONDAY** 12/01 Morning Prayer with Fr. Joe – 9:00 a.m.
Parish Care Ministry – 11:30 a.m.
- TUESDAY** 12/02 Staff Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
Women's AA – 4:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY** 12/03 All Faiths Food Bank – 10 a.m.
Advent – Season of Divine Encounter – 1:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer – 3 p.m.
- THURSDAY** 12/04 Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m.
Venice Deanery Clericus – 9 a.m.
Morning Prayer – 9 a.m. with Fr. Joe
Morning Prayer Live Streamed with Deacon Rich – 9:15 a.m.
Women's Bible Study – 10 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY** 12/05 Creative Design Outreach on break. Watch emails for date the group will resume.
- SATURDAY** 12/06 Altar Guild & Flower Guild – 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Begins November 28 – December 24

Deacon John Riherd's 3-week Advent Scripture Study
Wednesdays beginning December 3 at 1:00 p.m.
ADVENT – Season of Divine Encounter

Note: Some members have sensitivities to strong scent which can trigger allergic reactions and other health issues. We would encourage everyone to consider this when wearing strong perfumes, colognes, and other scented products during services to ensure a comfortable environment for all members.