

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

OPENING WELCOME

Pastor Gerry Gardner

ADVENT PROCLAMATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ACCLAMATION

WORSHIP SONGS

COLLECT PRAYER

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 11:1-10

Pew Bible p. 1076

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of
the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the
peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place
will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

BCP p. 685

Recited Responsively

SECOND READING

ROMANS 15:4-13

Pew Bible p. 1766

For everything that was written in the past was written
to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in
the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide
we might have hope.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."

Again, it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."

And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Pew Bible p. 1499

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume 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; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Gerry Gardner

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BCP p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP p. 392

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP p. 359

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY SONG

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

FINAL BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER TIME

CLOSING WORSHIP SONGS

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Want Healing Prayer?

A Prayer Team is available During the
Prayers of the People

The Week Ahead | December 7 - December 14

Sunday 7 Liturgy of the Word | 10:00am | In Person &
Online - **Followed by Monthly Potluck & CHS
Town Hall Meeting**

Tuesday 9 Reunion Group – Cursillo | 7:00pm | Zoom

Wednesday 10 Morning Prayer | 10:00am | In Person & Online
Soaking In The Lord | 12:00pm | In Person

Saturday 13 Man Up Men's Group | 8:00am | In Person

Sunday 14 Holy Eucharist | 10:00am | In Person & Online

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY



November 2025

INCOME: \$ 23,731

EXPENSE: \$ 22,550

DIFFERENCE + \$ 1,181

Year-to-Date | Jan-Nov

INCOME: \$ 231,280

EXPENSE: \$ 224,071

DIFFERENCE + \$ 7,209



MAN UP

MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 am
in Fulton Hall

Gather with fellow brothers in Christ
for biblical devotion and fellowship.
Doughnuts and coffee will be served.

JOIN US FOR

Blue Christmas

A COMMUNITY SERVICE AT
CHRISTMAS FOR GRIEVING,
PRAYING & HEALING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

December 24th

7:30 PM



If you would like to offer flowers in loving memory,
in thanksgiving, or for blessings, please take a
moment to fill out a flower offering envelope.

The Church in Prayer – Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email admin@chsosprey.com.

- Prayers for Joanne as she settles into her new home.
- Healing prayers for Lisa and Michele.
- Reconciliation for Rob to God and family.
- Reconciliation of family members.
- Prayers for a friend that needs to realize peace, healing & strength comes from Jesus.
- Prayers that my daughter-in-law receives medical help to restore her well-being.
- Safe travels for my granddaughter and her husband who are in New Zealand.
- Prayers for those who came to the community fun day, that they are led to join us in following Christ.
- Prayers for Howard and Bob as they heal from bypass heart surgery.
- Prayers for salvation for sister Karen.
- Prayers for my son that he may receive Jesus' grace and mercy.
- Prayers for my granddaughters as they face challenges.
- Prayers for our country and leaders.
- Prayers for Jerry as he is in a rehab facility and strength for Linda while Jerry gets stronger.
- Prayers for friend Annie, in WA who was just diagnosed with A-Fib.
- Prayers for son's marriage.
- Prayers for friends showing signs of dementia and needing clarity of mind and purpose.
- Prayers for Joseph and Carol.
- Prayers for Jason, may he experience peace, clarity and trust in God's plan regardless of the outcome.
- Prayers for reconciliation between family members.
- Prayers for friends who are adjusting to life without their loved ones.
- Peace for my sister, Deb.
- Recovery for Cindy, and strength for Nancy.
- Prayers for Liz M. for direction & provision in God opening doors to where she should live and peace & fellowship of good Christian friends.
- Prayers for my nephew, Tyler.
- Prayers for Jodie and Vicki.
- Prayers for Eric, Linda, Kathy, Bob and Darlene.
- Prayers for greater release of Holy Spirit within us.
- Prayers as I accept the loss of my vision.
- Prayers for Julie's sons Dan & John.
- Healing for loved ones who are suffering with anxiety and depression.
- Prayers for all those overcoming cancer and their caregivers for strength, encouragement and faith to continue.
- Salvation for those who do not know Jesus: Jonathan, Michael, Amy, Kim, Karen, Todd & Linda.
- Pray for Kathy to find peace with her family.
- Prayers for Jay's sense of taste to return.
- Prayers for grandchildren who have drifted away from going to church.
- Prayers for Robin's mother-in-law, Judy.
- A miracle for Julie and each member of her family.
- Healing prayers for Robin, Cindy, Judy, Peter, Audrey, Sue, Joni, Maureen, Tara, Bob, Betty, Erin, Daniel, Lisa, Aaron, Matthew, Evelyn, Art, Al, Donna, Todd, Owen, Haven, Bob, LouAnn, Gus, Ron, Tom, Linda, Sonia, Joyce, Holly, Suzanne, Dona, Judy & Danny.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pastor Gerry Gardner, Lay Pastor

Assisting Clergy: The Rev. Andy MacBeth and The Rev. Jonathan Percival

The Rev. Linda Morlock, Deacon

Scott Gardner, Music Leader

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