



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024 ✦ 8:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Dec. 22 – Advent 4

- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: “Who is Jesus?”
- 11:30 am Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Monday, Dec. 23

- 9:00 am to noon Altar Guild Decoration of the Church
- 7:00 pm Concert Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal: final dress rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Choir Concert
- 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, Dec. 25 – 9:00 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Thursday, Dec. 26 to Tuesday, Dec. 31 – Church office closed

Wednesday, Jan. 1 – Church office closed

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 pm Nurture Support Group

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:

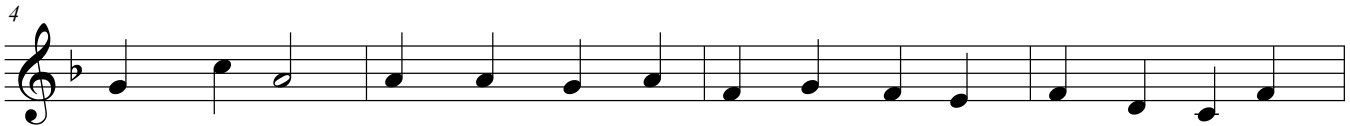
<https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar>

The Processional Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymnal #66



Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the
Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and
By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our
earth thou art: dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery
yet a king, born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gracious
hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy



rest in thee.
long - ing heart.
king - dom bring.
glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: "Stuttgart,"
melody from "Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige un Schöne Gesange," 1715;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

- The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323
- The Collect for PurityBook of Common Prayer p. 323
- The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Collect of the DayBook of Common Prayer p. 159
- The First Lesson.....Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

The Response..... Canticle 3: The Song of Mary (Book of Common Prayer p. 50)

The Epistle Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-45

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

The Sermon..... The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), 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 the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Book of Common Prayer p. 333

The Lord’s Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 364

The Post-Communion Prayer..... Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Blessing and Sending Forth..... Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Tell Out, My Soul

Hymnal #437



Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord! Un -
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name! Make
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might! Powers
 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word! Firm

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num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice; ten - der to
 known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mer - cy
 and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by. Proud hearts and
 is his prom - ise and his mer - cy sure. Tell out, my

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me the prom - ise of his word; in God my Sa - vior
 sure, from age to age the same; his ho - ly Name, the
 stub - born wills are put to flight, the hun - gry fed, the
 soul, the great - ness of the Lord to chil - dren's chil - dren

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shall _____ my heart re - joice.
 Lord, _____ the Might - y One.
 hum - ble lift - ed high.
 and _____ for ev - er - more!

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The Postlude

Variations on "Stuttgart"

arr. David Knight

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Sally Hill, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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