

First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
November 28, 2021- 8:00 a.m.



We give thanks that we are able to gather in-person today!
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Calvary Episcopal Church
123 South Ninth Street, Columbia, MO
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We welcome you to Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, Missouri, and we thank you for wearing your mask over your nose and your mouth, and for practicing social distancing as we strive to care for the vulnerable among us.

Today's service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. The readings from Scripture and the Psalm can also be found in the lectionary insert.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

The first blue candle is lit.

Leader: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

People **Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Leader: Take time, in the busy-ness and the stillness of this season, for quiet reflection, for the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

People **We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder, and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

Reader: The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

People **We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.**

We will go forth from this place in hope.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Opening

Collect for purity: BCP, 323

The Gloria: BCP, 324

The Collect of the Day: (lectionary)

The Lessons: (lectionary)

Jeremiah 33:14-16.

Psalm 25:1-9. *We will read it in unison.*

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Homily

--- A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

The Nicene Creed: BCP, 326

Prayers of the People: BCP, 328

Confession of Sin

The Sharing of God's Peace: BCP, 332

Announcements: offered by Calvary's vestry representative, Bob Worley (*see last page*)

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited forward for a blessing.



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Since we can't safely "pass the plate," we thank you for making your Sunday gift or paying your pledge by:

- scanning the QR code on the left*
- going to the [Stewardship](#) page on our website, or*
- dropping your check into the collection plates in the church.*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP p. 333

The Lord's Prayer: BCP, 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Blessing: BCP, 339

Dismissal: BCP, 339-340

Calvary's Prayer List

Click [PRAYER LIST](#) to view, download, or print the current Prayer list.

Names may be added or removed from the prayer list by emailing the [church office](#).

For Health of Body and Soul (BCP p. 460) May God, the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Calvary Episcopal Church Announcements

November 28, 2021

The Christian Formation Committee would like to offer the following resources to parishioners for the 2021 Advent season. You are welcome to pick them up in the narthex area of the church or reach out to Jennifer James (tjennifer@mchsi.com) to have them mailed to you while supplies last. 1) **Youth (pre-K – Grade 5):** “How Do They Celebrate Christmas?” is a paperback daily Advent resource for children to learn about Advent traditions around the world. There is also a paper Advent calendar with age appropriate reflections on the season of Advent. 2) **Teens:** “Wait and See” 2021 paper Advent calendar provides suggested scripture readings and reflections day by day through the Advent season. 3) **Adult:** Advent 2021 paper calendar providing daily scripture recommendations as you reflect on your preparation for Christmas. We wish you and your family a peaceful Advent season!

Advent Giving Tree 2021 - This year, Calvary will be working with City of Refuge (Columbia) to assist with the Afghan refugees in mid Missouri. You can help by visiting the Advent Giving Tree in the narthex. Contributions of \$10, \$25, or \$50 toward baby, food, hygiene, or kitchen items are being accepted through our annual Advent Giving Tree. Consider “gifting” a loved one with your contribution.

The Virtual Advent Bazaar starts at noon on Thursday, December 2 and ends at noon on Saturday, December 4. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and friends of Calvary, the “store” is well-stocked with a wide variety of goods. The connection to the “store” is on Calvary’s [website](#). The Bazaar Page will go live at noon on December 2. All purchases need to be picked up in the church parking lot on Saturday (4th) or Sunday (5th) afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. If you have questions about the bazaar, contact LeeAnn Ball at 573-445-7255.

The Right Reverend Deon Kevin Johnson will ordain **JOSHUA DAVID HUBER** to the sacred order of deacons on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral. For further information on attending or viewing the service, see Calvary News.

Our 2022 Pledge Campaign is in full swing, and we hope that you have made time to help Calvary fulfill its mission of “**Serving our Community with Gratitude and Generosity.**” Our pledges make it possible for Calvary to continue,

and grow, its four core ministries of Outreach, Formation, Pastoral Care and Worship. **Thanks for your continued support!**

The Vestry's Stewardship Covenant with Calvary

Your vestry developed this Stewardship Covenant using a process of spiritual discernment and seeking divine guidance through Scripture and prayer. This covenant reflects where we feel God is leading us as a Vestry. We make this covenant among ourselves as a vestry and with God as we serve the parish. We pray that all members will prayerfully reflect on our invitation to you within this covenant.

WE BELIEVE that God will provide us with what we need. We have faith that God will show us how to use and share our resources with others. (*Continues*)

WE COMMIT to reflect prayerfully as individuals and as a community to listen to what God is saying to us, trusting in divine guidance. We realize that God values us and knows our needs as individuals and as the church.

WE INVITE all to join us in trusting in the promises of God to nourish, protect, and love us, meeting all our needs. God will provide us with the resources to serve our community and all creation; we invite all to join in stewarding these resources for the well-being of our community and the world.

To make your pledge, go to the [Stewardship](#) page on our website.



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