

**St. Charles Episcopal Church  
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Rite II**

**H O P E**  
OF PARDON

**H O P E**  
OF PEACE  
WITH  
GOD

**H O P E**  
OF GLORY

**November 28, 2021  
First Sunday in Advent**

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. For those in person today, please wear your mask throughout the service and maintain a minimum six-foot social distance with those from outside your household. Hand sanitizer and soap are provided in our restrooms to assist with hand hygiene. All these actions of love and service help protect us all, including the most vulnerable to serious illness, from contracting the Covid-19 coronavirus. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

## Voluntary

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

## Announcements

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

(the first candle is lit)

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. (*Matthew 24:42-44*)

## The Advent Candles

Week 1

1. A - can - dle is burn - ing, a flame warm and  
bright; A can - dle of Hope in No - vem ber's dark  
night. While an - gels sing bless - ings from heav'n's star - ry



## THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Hymn 66

*Stuttgart*

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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:**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia during Advent**

Waiting for Christmas

Holly Phares

*Cantor intones | all repeat*

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia,

Je - sus come in - to our hearts! Cantor versical

**The Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-36**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Stacy Walker

*Silence for meditation.*

**Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People (Form II)**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Paula, our Bishop Elect, for Chilton, our Assisting Bishop, for Rev. Stacy, for Deacon Steve, for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the church.

*Silence*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed, especially \_\_\_\_.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgiving of those present.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayer for \_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**All: Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence for personal reflection.*

**All: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left  
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People: Amen.**

**Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Hymn 72**

*Richmond*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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**

*Missa Emmanuel*

Richard Proulx

*Cantor intones* *All sing*



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God \_\_\_ of hosts.



Heav - en and earth \_\_\_ are full of your glo \_\_\_ ry.



Ho-san-na in the high \_\_\_ est, ho-san na in the high \_\_\_ est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the high \_\_\_ est, ho-san na in the high \_\_\_ est.

Celebrant: 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:

People:     **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

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

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion**

*Please follow directions of the ushers to come forward to receive your communion cup.*

*Then return to your seat to reverently consume. There are receptacles in the hallway for your cups after the service has ended.*

## Communion Hymn

### Wait for the Lord

Taizé

Musical score for the hymn "Wait for the Lord" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!"

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** 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.

## Blessing

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## Sending Forth Hymn 73

*St. Stephen*

## Dismissal

*Deacon*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*



Thanks be to God!

## Voluntary

People, Look East

J. Wayne Kerr



### Upcoming Events 2021:

- ❖ Sunday, November 28, 2021 4:30 p.m.  
Free Spaghetti Dinner
- ❖ Sunday, December 5, 2021 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Advent Lessons and Carols.
- ❖ Friday, December 24, 2021 5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Services, Rev. Stacy Walker, preacher
- ❖ Saturday, December 25, 2021 10:00 a.m.  
Christmas Day Service, Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe, preacher
- ❖ Sunday, December 26, 2021 10:00 a.m. service  
(**one** service only), Tara Osborne, preacher

See The Pulse for more details on these events.

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## **Household Prayer : *Morning***

Thank you for this new day  
to sing your praise  
and watch for signs of your kingdom.  
By your Spirit, let me abound in love  
for you and your children,  
that in living and loving  
I may point to your coming reign.  
In the name of Jesus I pray.  
Amen





## Household Prayer : *Evening*

Thank you for the signs  
of your coming reign,  
and for the power of your saving love.

Bless all those whom I met today,  
and strengthen their hope  
in your power and grace.

Now as I close my eyes,  
I relinquish all anxieties and fears,  
trusting in your providence and mercy.

Amen.



## **RULE OF LIFE at St. Charles Episcopal Church**

Our Rule of Life is how we live the Gospel daily.

- ❖ Christ is the cornerstone of the church, and prayer is the foundation of our life together.
- ❖ We come together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis.
- ❖ We listen to one another with the compassionate heart of Christ and ask questions for clarification.
- ❖ We respect one another's stories by listening and keeping their confidence.
- ❖ We strive to practice forgiveness as we have been forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection.
- ❖ We behave knowing God is in our midst.
- ❖ We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.
- ❖ We respect the dignity of every human being.
- ❖ We actively build worship, education, service and giving.

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