

## Welcome

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning! We hope that your spiritual life is deepened today.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the church hall following worship.

Nursery care and Sunday School up to age 12 is available in the parish hall. Children will rejoin their parents after the Peace.

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# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Feeding you, body, mind and soul

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 22, 2013



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 54

*Savior of the nations, come!*

Opening Acclamation and Prayer

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy

Hymnal S-95

Musical notation for the 'Lord, have mercy' prayer. It consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff has three phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy.' (Cantor or Choir), 'Lord, have mer - cy.' (All), and 'Christ, have mer - cy.' (Cantor or Choir). The second staff has three phrases: 'Christ, have mer - cy.' (All), 'Lord, have mer - cy.' (Cantor or Choir), and 'Lord, have mer - cy.' (All).

Prayer of the Day

Response: **And also with you.**

*Adventskranz* Photo by Liesel

Isaiah 7:10-16

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the  
cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for  
yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

Romans 1:1-7

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 56, vv. 7-8      *O come, O come Emmanuel*

Matthew 1:18-25

Response: **Glory (Praise) to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon      The Rev Jason Wells

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Al-  
mighty, 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 salva-  
tion he came down from heaven: by the pow-  
er 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 liv-  
ing 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

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
**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 neigh-  
bors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we  
humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Je-  
sus 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.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Offertory

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

## Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Amen

*Celebrant*                      *People*

A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## Communion

## Hymn

*Wait for the Lord*

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!**

## Closing Prayer

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar. If you come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest, you may receive a blessing instead of Communion.

If you would like to be baptized, please speak to the Rev. Jason Wells as soon as possible for scheduling.

Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

## Hymn 59

*Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

## Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Pageant** Rehearsals happen during the 10am Sunday School classes. All children (youth, elementary, nursery) will rejoin their parents during the Peace.

**Choir Rehearsal** for Christmas Eve today at 11:15am in the choir pews with Justine Paul.

**Altar Guild** will decorate the church with poinsettias and greens after choir rehearsal this morning.

**Rosary Class** Father Jason Wells will teach you how to pray the Rosary today at 11am in the Parish Hall.

**Lectio Divina Bible Study** Andre Garcia led *lectio divina* prayer groups for three Wednesdays this month at 5pm. If you would like to join this group but cannot commit to Wednesdays at 5pm: please write down your name and a time that does work on the clipboard in the parish hall..

**From the Pledge Clerk** Any donations for 2013 must be received by 11am on Dec. 29. Donations received later will be recorded for 2014.

## TAKE-A-TOTE NEEDS

We are adding more protein to the weekly Take a Tote food selections. Tuna fish is now available in single serve 2.5 oz. pouches, reasonably priced at Walmart or Target. Chicken of the Sea also sells "To Go cups" of Chunk Light Tuna for \$1.99 at Market Basket or Shaws. (Package contains two cups.) Please pick up either pouches or cups on your next shopping trip. Thanks for your continued support.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

*December 24, 2013*

**4pm** Holy Communion with carols and children's pageant

**7pm** Holy Communion with sermon, choir, candlelight and violinist Naomi Durand



## BY THE NUMBERS

Date	Att.	Pledge	Plate
12/1	82	\$1,678	\$57
12/8	79	\$2,119	\$64
12/15	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Year</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>\$78,123</b>	<b>\$5,268</b>

## COMING UP

1/5	<b>9am</b>	Readers' Training
1/5	<b>11am</b>	World Café
1/12	9am	Community Life
1/12	11am	Youth Group
1/19	<b>11am</b>	Annual Meeting

# PRAYER NEEDS

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**  
Church of Our Saviour, Milford

## Requests

Thurston, Ernest, Anna, Kelly, Jo, Robert, Maggie and James.

## Birthdays this Week

Lucas Cleary

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

This week begins the Twelve Days of Christmas! Light all your Advent candles along with a fifth, white candle until January 6. Let the joy of the Jesus' birth last! Keep up your Bible reading and prayer with the resources below:

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sunday	1 Sam. 1:19-28
Monday	Malachi 3:1-5
Tuesday	2 Samuel 7:1-16
Wednesday	John 1:1-14
Thurs.	Acts 6:1-15
Friday	John 21:19-24
Saturday	Matthew 2:13-18