

Welcome

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning! 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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and Debbie Allen



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Feeding you, body, mind and soul

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: NOVEMBER 30, 2014



Prelude, Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 601 *O day of God, draw nigh*

Opening Acclamation and Prayer p. 351

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

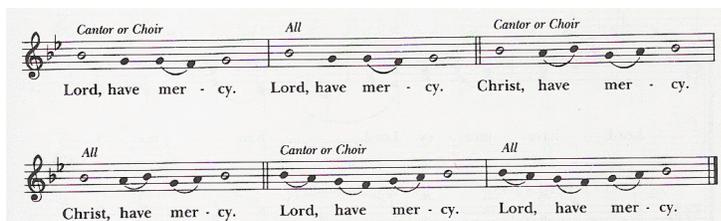
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin p. 352

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 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.

Kyrie eleison Hymnal S-95



Collect of the Day

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Response: **And also with you.**

Isaiah 64:1–9

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.

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 61, v.1

Sleepers, wake!

Mark 13:24–37

First response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Second response: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Fr. Jason Wells

Nicene Creed

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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

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

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

St. Nicholas Fair ~ 11th Annual Saturday, December 6th ~ 9am–2pm



Sign up now to volunteer and/or sign up to bake a pie, bake a batch of cookies and finish up any handmade gifts. Drop off used items for the “White Christmas Elephant Sale” and book sale starting Sunday, Nov. 30th. Deposit used jewelry (even broken or mismatched pieces) in the JEWELRY BOX located in the Parish Hall.

Invite all your friends and family to the Fair! Send an email with the poster attached ~ create an event on your FACEBOOK page ~ *be creative and celebrate our annual holiday community event!* Proceeds will benefit Take-A-Tote and The Concord Homeless Resource Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Class Today at 11:15am, join Father Jason in the church for a presentation on the signs and symbols of Advent.

Choir Rehearsals All are welcome to join music minister Justine Paul in preparing music for our 7pm Christmas Eve worship. Rehearsals begin next Sunday at 11:15am.

Russian Iconography Talk on Dec. 7, 1pm. Icon painting has been an evolving art form for more than 1,000 years. Using a slide show and examples of her own work, Marina Forbes examines the history of icon painting in Russia and the nature of the icon as a sacred object and a product of an artistic tradition.

Photo Directory We will be taking pictures for our new Church Directory on January 4 and February 15 after the 10am service. A sign up sheet is in the hall. Please sign up for a time that works for your family. This would also be the time to have that great FAMILY portrait taken.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Date | Att. | Pledge | Plate |
|-------|------|------------|---------|
| 11/2 | 69 | \$1,734 | \$36 |
| 11/9 | 72 | \$1,574 | \$22 |
| 11/16 | 72 | \$1,356.50 | \$56 |
| 11/23 | 67 | \$1,302 | \$22.12 |

COMING UP

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| 12/7 | 9am | Pastoral Care Cmte. |
| 12/7 | 1pm | Icons Class |
| 12/14 | 9am | Community Life |
| 12/14 | 12pm | Confirmation |
| 12/18 | 7pm | Vestry |
| 12/19 | 5pm | Monthly Supper |

PRAYER NEEDS

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Andrew's Church,
New London

Requests

Angie, Pat, Janet, Pat, Dave,
Nina and Thay

Birthdays this Week

David Allen

Confirmation Youth

Emily, Jessica, Charlie, Wyatt
and Gwendolyn

TAKE-A-TOTE

We're running low on **Nu-trigrain bars, small boxes of raisins, fruit rollups**, or similarly packaged snacks without nuts. Always check food labels (no peanut products) and expiration dates.

FRIENDLY KITCHEN

Friendly Kitchen requests some items to add to the gift bags they give to the guests for Christmas. Items needed: hats, gloves, neck warmers and socks. Place donations in the box in the Narthex. Bring donations by Sunday, Dec. 14. Thank you for your generosity!

WORLD AIDS DAY

Service on Monday, December 1, 6:00 PM, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 79 Clinton Street. NH Gay Men's Chorus will sing; Rabbi Robin Nafshi will speak.