

# WELCOME!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please join us for refreshments in the church hall after worship.

Children's programs begin at 9:45am in the parish hall. They will return to church during the Peace.

If this is your first time here, please fill out the card in your pew. Place it in the offering plate when it comes by.

## COMMUNION INVITATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar.

When we come to the Eucharist, "we should examine our lives, repent of our sins and be in love and charity with all people."

If you come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest, you may receive a blessing instead of Communion.

## TODAY'S SERVERS

EM (8am)	Judy Wood
EM (10am)	Sharon Billingsley
Acolyte	Christian Smith
Reader	Barb Ashworth
Reader	Beth Lavoie
Usher	Joel Smith
Usher	Deb Smith
Counter	Joel Smith
Counter	Pam Olin
Coffee Hour	Julie Day



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Feeding you, body, mind and soul

**NOVEMBER 29, 2015: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Detail from an Ethiopian Orthodox icon of Mary and the infant Jesus.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 72

*Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes*

Opening Acclamation and Prayer

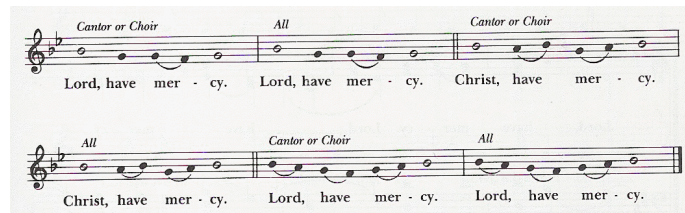
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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Kyrie eleison

Hymnal S-95



Collect of the Day

Response: **And also with you.**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*

let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed  
in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD,  
your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love  
and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant  
and his testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 56, vv. 1-2      *O come, O come Emmanuel*

Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Sermon

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

..., we pray to the Lord. **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 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.**

Peace

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

Offertory

Hymn 721 (WLP) *Signs of ending all around us*

Eucharistic Prayer

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*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

Hymnal S-122

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, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

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.**

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-160

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

Let us pray.  
**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

Hymn 57                      *Lo, he comes with clouds descending*

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



# St. Nicholas Fair ~ 12th Annual Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am – 2pm



## Drop-off sale items this week!

Wanted: Jewelry donations for the St. Nicholas Fair. Items may be placed in the specially marked **JEWELRY BOX** located in the Parish Hall. If you have questions or want personal pick-up service, call Barb Ashworth at 606-2398.

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.

## ADVENT 2016

An icon of the child Jesus and his mother Mary is in the narthex during this holy season to remind us to keep Christ in our hearts and homes at Christmas. In this bulletin, look for ways to prepare for the celebration of his birth:

Advent Calendar	Greening of the Church
Concord Chorale	Giving Tree
Poinsettia donations	St. Nicholas Fair

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Poinsettias** To beautify our Christmas worship, fill out the envelope in your pew and place it in the offering plate when it comes by. Orders must be in **by Dec. 13**. Suggested gift: \$10.

**Giving Tree** The Friendly Kitchen is asking for our help to provide guests with items to keep them warm this winter. The Sunday School has a plan to assist us:

We will also include gifts for our parish family members' needs. If you know someone in need, please contact Father Wells for items to add.

Find the "Giving Tree" in the parish hall which will have stars on it. Pick a star which will have a particular item on it. Then, go and purchase that item and return it to the church. (Ocean State Job Lot is a good, low-cost place to get these items.)

## PRAYER NEEDS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer  
West Malaysia, South East Asia

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

### Birthdays

Mike Corbett and David Allen

### Anniversaries

Jason and Courtney Wells

### Requests

Barb and Ed Roberts, Lois,  
Dave and Gail, Laura, Ann  
Meier and Kate Atkinson

**Take-a-Tote Shop for cheese-filled crackers:** Austin, Keebler and Ritz in 8-packs. Larger boxes of Austin available at Sam's. Always check food labels (no peanut products).

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