

TODAY'S LESSONS: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



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Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you

among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'"

Sunday Worship Leaders

Today		Next Week	
Cross	Daniel Angel	Cross	Izabella Stanis
Lector	Nick Bell	Lector	Nancy Lehnert
LEM	Barbara Hall	LEM	Isabelle Behm
Vestry	Nick Bell	Vestry	Michael Mroczyk
Prayer Room	Chris Burkhalter	Prayer Room	Erin Biggs
Ushers	Team 1	Ushers	Team 2
		LEV	B. Hall/M. Breil

A Concert of Lessons & Carols, December 22nd, 7 p.m.

Renaissance Voices, a 20-women choir out of Henry Ford College, will present a Lessons & Carols performance in the style of King's College, Cambridge.

The Calendar

Sunday, December 8

- 8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
10am Holy Eucharist, Church
10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room
11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:15am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:30am Pageant Rehearsal
12:30pm Mother of the Savior (MotS)
Eucharist, Church
1:30pm Mother of the Savior (Mots)
Coffee Hour, Lounge

Monday, December 9

Tuesday, December 10

Wednesday, December 11

- 6pm Martial Arts, Lounge

Thursday, December 12

- 7pm Finance, Library

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

Sunday, December 15

- 8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
10am Holy Eucharist, Church
10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room
11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:20am Forum, Fellowship Hall
11:30am Pageant Rehearsal
12:30pm MotS Eucharist, Church
1:30pm MotS Coffee Hour, Lounge
2pm Vestry Meeting, Rm 213

Spiritual Offerings

Centering Prayer, Room 19
Tuesday 6:15pm

Yoga, Room 213
Tuesday 7:15pm

AA meets

Monday, 8pm, Lounge

Wednesday, 8pm, Room 213

Thursday, 11:30am, Room 213

Thursday, 6:30pm, Resource Room

Saturday, Noon, Room 213

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday nights, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge

Wednesday 1pm

Listening Group, Lounge

1st & 3rd Monday 7pm

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall

Sunday 2pm

Wednesday 7pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano, Choir Room

Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-9pm

Saturday 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall

2nd & 4th Saturday 10:30am



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THE COMMUNICATOR: PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan (Christ Church [Grosse Pointe] and Canterbury House/UofM [Ann Arbor]; for the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic; for Bishop Gibbs as he prepares to retire in December; for Bonnie A. Perry, Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

The Sick and Suffering: For Christine (Blackmore) and Kaitlyn.

Armed Forces: For all those serving in harm's way.

Concerns in the World: For those who are suffering from natural disasters and extreme weather conditions.

Departed:

To place someone on the prayer list or request a pastoral visit please contact the church office.

Special Events and Announcements:

Sign Up Has Begun

Baptized For Life Dinners

A series of eight dinners focusing on deepening intercultural relationships and growing our faith as Christians will begin in January 2020. We will host two meals a month that will use the conversation guide, "Eating Together Faithfully". The schedule for this first series of dinners is January 16 & 30, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, and April 2 & 23 from 6-9pm. It is important to commit to all 8 dinners in the series and do your best to be there. Contact Erin in the church office if you would like to attend this first series.

Greening of the Church

This year's Greening of the Church will be December 22nd following the 10am service. Coffee hour that day will be in the church while we decorate.

Intentional About Money

The Social Justice implementation team of the Renaissance task force is offering a financial literacy course at Christ Church starting on Wednesday evening, January 15th, running every other week for 9 sessions. The course, Intentional About Money, is based on setting up a budget and deciding where every dollar should go and sticking with that to pay off debts and grow wealth. A brochure with the registration form is available in the church office and from Diana Brehob; the brochure will also be included in the next Courier. Contact the Office 313 565-8450 or Diana Brehob for more information.

Christmas for the Food Pantry

Once again our plan is to offer the families using our food pantry extra food for the Christmas holidays as well. We are in need of hams, butter, milk, eggs, boxes of instant mashed potatoes, prepared cookie dough and Kroger Cards in \$10 increments. You can drop off the food items at the office or in the first floor kitchen until December 16. Monetary donations are also helpful; checks should be made out to Christ Church with Christmas Pantry in the memo line.

Thanks for a successful Clothing Drive!

The Clothing Drive committee would like to thank all of you who donated warm clothes this year. To say this year's drive was a success would be an understatement. The great thing about the clothing drive is it serves an immediate need for those less fortunate. Two pick-up truck loads and a station wagon load were collected and taken to Crossroads. The outpouring of support was truly amazing! Thanks again!!!!

Christmas Flowers & Decorations

All thanksgivings and memorials will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets. Please contribute what ever you are able, \$20-\$35 is a typical contribution, but less is fine and more, if you are able, is appreciated. Return names to the office by Sunday, December 15.

Christmas Eve Dinner

There will be a Christmas Eve Potluck Dinner with both Christ Church and Mother of the Savior at about 8:15pm. Join us for either the bi-lingual service before at 7pm or the Candlelight service after at 10pm.