



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

Advent Episcopal Church ◇ 3760 Dover Center Road ◇ Westlake ◇ OH ◇ 44145
January 19, 2020 ◇ The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Preaching this Morning at Advent

Advent welcomes Pastor Paul Laursen to our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services today. Pastor Laursen will be here for Sundays in January and beyond.

Advent's Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held **today**, Sunday, January 19, following the **ONE service at 9:00 a.m.** After the service, the meeting will commence in the Sanctuary, followed by a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. We will present positive financial results for 2019, vote on an in-the-black 2020 budget, elect new vestry members, respond to questions and issues of concern to the congregation, and enjoy some fellowship

Preparatory Thoughts for Sunday's Sermon: A few basic truths about God

A working definition: *God is a spirit who is infinite and eternal in His being, perfect and unchangeable in His attributes, and in Whom all things have their source, support and end.*

God is something completely different from man. We are confined in the time space continuum but God encompasses it, existing outside of it, and permeating it at the same time. Because God made man in His image, He has placed some shared attributes within man, but man's sin has greatly tarnished and diminished them so that even in these God is very different from man.

God is **eternal** because He is infinite with respect to time. He is without beginning or end, existing before time began and continuing to exist after time ends.

God is **omnipresent** because He is infinite with respect to space with His divine essence being everywhere present at the same time.

God is **self-existent** having life within Himself and having no cause prior to Him.

God is **omniscient** knowing all things about everything because He is infinite with respect to knowledge.

God is **omnipotent** because He is infinite with respect to power.

God is the **Creator**, the source of everything that exists, and He continues to sustain all of Creation by His own power, and this does not cause any loss of power to Himself. God created the laws of thermodynamics and placed them upon His creation but those laws do not apply to Him.

God is **sovereign**. There is nothing greater than God. He is the supreme authority. There is nothing that can thwart His will, because nothing can outlast Him, nothing can avoid Him, nothing can out smart Him, nothing can overpower Him.

God is **immutable**, that is, He is unchanging in His essence and attributes. He is always completely consistent with Himself.

This Week at Advent

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00 a.m. None
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING
11:00 a.m. Pot Luck

Monday, January 20

Tuesday, January 21

Wednesday, January 22

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. The Praise Community

Thursday, January 23

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

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| Lillian Kwasny | Dave Luptak | Joan Joye |
| Mary Lou Dixon | Marilyn Decker | Velta Sanborn |
| Bob Allen | Karen Zolar | Rose Walker |
| Barb Frank | Lois Zolar | Arthur Beel |
| Michael Uhrich | Sharon Rice | George Belinsky |
| Bill & Judy Arkley | Steve Boyce | Shirley Moore |

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma
Eliza Jennings residents
Sylvia Little, Bishop Little's wife
Trevor, grandson of Art Beel
Ken and Jim
Richard Ward, Jr.
Jack Morgan
Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck

Financial Statements

2019 Financial Statements are available on the small table in the back of the church near the Ushers' stand. Please contact JoAnn in the Church office if you have any questions concerning your

Server Schedule Today, January 19

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector NONE

9:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Dick McCormick & Scott Duennes
Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 5)

Acolyte Anna Evans

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Bev Cummings

Altar Guild Bunny Meriam

Coffee Hour Annual Meeting Pot Luck

Close Advent John Urbas

Counter / Date Anne Crothall (1/21)

Next Sunday, January 26, 2020

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Dick McCormick & Teddi Augustine

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 6)

Acolyte Denise Geyer-Keller

Usher Jan & Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Karen Edwards & Anne Crothall

Coffee Hour

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Counter / Date Marcia Duennes (1/27)

Note: It is your responsibility to contact another volunteer directly to take your place. Please call the office with all changes. Thank you.