



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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May 31, 2020 The Day of Pentecost

Worship with the Diocese of Albany at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjVmrEwtur7R8akk7Drd9TQ>

## At Advent

All services at Advent are scheduled for Sunday at 9:00 a.m. We will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist with a special service.

## The Spirit of Truth

*John 14:15-17*

*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; <sup>17</sup> that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*

As we get ready to start meeting together this Sunday morning, my newsletter mini-messages will cease and be replaced live with gestures! This week we are reflecting on John 14 as Jesus prepares His followers for His soon departure.

Isaiah prophesied that the day would come when the virgin would conceive and give birth to Immanuel, God with us. This joyful news was announced to Joseph when an angel of the Lord appeared to him. For about thirty incredible years, God dwelt among His own people, as the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us, full of grace and truth.

Jesus was indeed **God with us**, but He told His disciples of an even more staggering truth, that the time was fast approaching when the Holy Spirit would be sent into the heart of every believer, and this would be, **God within us**.

The limited reach of the Lord Jesus in His earthly life, in His human body, extended only to those that were physically with Him. The miraculous reach of the Holy Spirit as a Person is such that no matter where we go, or what we do, God, the Holy Spirit goes with us, because He is, **God within us**. The Lord did a work for us but since the cross, resurrection and ascension, it is the Holy Spirit of Truth Who works within us.

The promise that God the Holy Spirit will be in us was given to the disciples just before Jesus finished His work of redemption on the cross of Calvary. Jesus stated that the world is incapable of receiving the Spirit of God for they do not know Him, but those who have trusted Christ as Savior do know the Holy Spirit.

Herod's Temple was destroyed in the 70's AD. But on Pentecost the new Temple within the heart of every believer was constructed!

At Pentecost that promise was fulfilled, and from that day to this, all who trust on Jesus Christ as Savior have God, the Holy Spirit with us and all around us, above us and beneath us, but He is also within us. He came to make our human bodies His permanent dwelling place, the Temple of God.

Only when God the Son went to be with God the Father could God the Holy Spirit take up permanent residence within the bodies of all who are born from above. That is what we celebrate on Pentecost.

This is the core of our faith and walk today. I encourage you to grasp it at a bit deeper level and ask the Holy Spirit to guard and guide your walk today. As Jesus promised, if you love Him and keep His commandments, which were just two, to love the Lord with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself, He will do that!

## This Week at Advent

### Sunday, May 31 Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday, June 1

### Wednesday, June 3

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

### Sunday, June 7 Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Server Schedule Today, May 31

9:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Dick McCormick

**Lector** Dick McCormick

**Prayers of the People** Dick McCormick (Form 3)

**Ushers** Max Gage & Jim Edwards

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild**

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

## Next Sunday, June 7

9:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Kathleen Huffman

**Lector** Kathleen Huffman

**Prayers of the People** Kathleen Huffman (Form 4)

**Ushers** Peter Meckes

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild**

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

## Need Masks?

We still have a supply of masks available. Please let JoAnn know what you need (440-871-6685). Nursing homes need more masks?



## Pentecost

On the Day of Pentecost, the climax of the 50 days of the Easter Season, we celebrate the fact that our Lord sent the Holy Spirit, the comforter and strengthener, to reinforce the faith of the Apostles. Upon receiving this gift, the Apostles went out into the world to preach, teach and baptize in Christ's name. Thus at Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the anniversary of the Church's birth. The color for this day is red, symbolizing the tongues of fire that appeared to hover over the disciples on that first Pentecost.

## Prayer Request

### Health and Recovery

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	Fr. Richard Lutz
Ken and Jim	Richard Ward, Jr

Eliza Jennings residents

Trevor, grandson of Art Beel

Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck

Laura Lenis, friend of JoAnn Beck

Pastor Joyce Williams, friend of Bev Cummings

Stella, friend of Bev Cummings

Tom and Betty Clark

### Safety Protection

David Arkley, Detective for Cleveland Police

Son of Bill & Judy Arkley

Rachel Moffitt, ER Nurse daughter of Bill & Judy Arkley

*Please contact the church office if you would like your name added or removed from our list.*