



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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October 18, 2020 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

At Advent

Worship is scheduled for Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist with a special service.

This Sunday

This Sunday we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. In my article this week I want to speak about this important and early part of our spiritual journey.

Transformation, becoming different, is a way of life for us...we don't want to be who we are and we will try all sorts of things to change. Crash diets, plastic surgery, new hairdos, new clothes. In truth we really want to just change the outside covering.

A man was selling an old warehouse; the building had been empty for months and needed repairs. Gangs had damaged the doors, smashed the windows, & thrown trash everywhere. As he showed a prospective buyer the property, the man said that he would replace the broken windows, bring in a crew to correct any structural damage, & clean out the garbage.

"Forget about the repairs," the buyer said. "When I buy this place, I'm going to build something completely different. I don't want the building; I want the site. Compared with the renovation God has in mind, our efforts to improve our own lives are as trivial as sweeping a warehouse slated for the wrecking ball.

When we become God's, the old life is over, He makes all things new. All he wants is the site and the permission to build.

Water baptism represents the burial of the sinful life and the resurrection of the new life. The escape from Egypt for the Israelites represents an escape from the bondage of sin. Moses presented salvation to them. He came to free them from their past. (Exodus 14:19-28)

The walking through the waters at the Red Sea represents what happens after salvation. After salvation we must walk the process of being delivered from our past life. The Israelites left Egypt in one day, but it took 40 years to get Egypt out of the Israelites.

Not only did the walking thru the water represent the process after salvation, but the sign that the Egyptians all died in the water represents how our old life will chase us, but we must take the step of letting the past die in the water.

The act of water baptism is a response of obedience by the believer. Infant baptism is a decision by the parents to bring their child under the covenantal covering of their faith. The parents pray that their child will in years to come, make the same decision that they have made for themselves. The core necessity for heaven is the seal of the Holy Spirit & that's given when you confess with your mouth & believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord.

The New Testament Revelation: Jesus' last recorded words on earth were. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16. Jesus' very call to believe on Him includes a call to be baptized.

Water baptism is a powerful reminder of God's grace. The person we were before is dead forever, and we are raised with Jesus as a totally new creation: We are saved from the punishment of sin. We are being saved from the power of sin. We will be saved from the presence of sin.

The promise is that if you do allow God into every area of your life, He will radically change it and work it for your good. Truly "old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." Has this proved true in your life?

The Lord Jesus bless you this week!
Pastor Paul Laursen

This Week at Advent

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. Holy Service
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, October 19

Tuesday, October 20

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

7:00 p.m. Dar's Happy Hour Zoom Meeting

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Server Schedule Today, October 18

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers for the Candidates Dick McCormick

Ushers Jim Edwards & Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (10/19)

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Next Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Scott Duennes

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 3)

Ushers Jan & Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Bev Cummings

Counter Anne Crothall (10/26)

Close Advent Ray Busony

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Dave Luptak	Joan Joye
Mary Lou Dixon	Marilyn Decker	Stacey Smith
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
Marcia Duennes	Lucille Benedict	

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Ken and Jim	Betty Clark
Eliza Jennings residents	
Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck	
Pastor Joyce Williams, friend of Bev Cummings	
Stella, friend of Bev Cummings	
Tina, friend of Bev Cummings	
Jan, friend of Bev Cummings	
Residents of Pinzone Tower	
Will Hayes, friend of Cynthea Sabolich	
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy	

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.



Baptisms

Today, we celebrate the baptisms of Gabriella Katherine Linn, daughter of Molly Linn, and Gideon James DiFranco and Eliana Linn DiFrance, son and daughter David and Bethany DiFranco.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into His fellowship, Gabriella, Gideon and Eliana, who comes to Him in faith, baptizing him in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Love INC.

Love In the Name of Christ is collecting coats for the homeless and disadvantaged in Cuyahoga County September 20 through October 22. Please bring your coats to Advent by October 22. Children's and 2X, 3X, and 4X coats are the most needed. Thank you! Questions call 216.459.0302 or

Vestry Calls Fr. Ben Randall!

On Tuesday, October 13, the Vestry unanimously and enthusiastically voted to call Fr. Ben Randall as the next Rector of Advent Episcopal Church. Ray and I called him that night; he was pleased with our decision. We believe he has the theological underpinnings and reliance on Scripture that are compatible with who we are and who we believe the Lord wants us to remain and become in the future. We believe the Holy Spirit has prepared him and ourselves for “such a time as this”. Bishop Hollingsworth supports his candidacy and believes he will bring energy to Advent and be a good companion to clergy colleagues. I’m confident Bp. Love would welcome him with open arms. All the pieces are in place at this end. We emailed a draft Letter of Agreement so the offer is in writing, subject to negotiation. Now we await his discernment, further discussion, and decision-making. As I mentioned Sunday, there are challenges and issues for him and Rebekah to weigh, as with any decision in life! Thank you for your prayers thus far and keep them coming!

Dick McCormick on behalf of the Vestry of Advent Episcopal Church

All Saints’ Day

Advent will be celebrating All Saints’ Day on Sunday, November 1. Please forward names of any family members, friends, or significant people in your life who have *passed away since All Saints’ Day 2019 (November 3 2019)* to JoAnn in the office by Wednesday, October 28 (advent.church@sbcglobal.net or 440-871-6685, or by signing their name on the signup sheet. These people will be acknowledged during the Prayers of the People at both services on November 1.

Veterans’ Day Observance

Advent will honor veterans at the 10:00 a.m. service on **November 8**. If you, or an IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER, (which includes a person's parents, spouse, children, siblings, grandparents/grandchildren, adopted children and their spouses) is a veteran, please sign up on the clipboards, leave a note in the office or email JoAnn in the church office (advent.church@sbcglobal.net), so we may include the names in our observance. The service would be a wonderful time to invite veterans, and current members of the armed forces and their families to worship with us.