



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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November 1, 2020 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Day

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.

All Saints' Day

Advent will be celebrating All Saints Day today, Sunday, November 1. We will be remembering family members and friends who have passed away since All Saints Day 2019. We weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.



A Message From Pastor Paul

This week I want to take you to a story early in the Old Testament. It's the story of Joshua's first foray into the Land of Promise. He was confronted with Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world and one of the best fortified.

The outer wall surrounded the city with stone about 12' high. In back of that there was an inner mud-brick wall about 18' high. Behind that wall there was a sloping earthen embankment going around the inside of the entire city. At the top of the embankment was another mud-brick wall approximately 15' high, below which the houses of Jericho's outcasts were placed.

Joshua 2:1 (NCV) *Joshua son of Nun secretly sent out two spies from Acacia and said to them, "Go and look at the land, particularly at the city of Jericho." So the men went to Jericho and stayed at the house of a prostitute named Rahab.*

The people had just crossed dry through the Jordan River, reminding the new generation of the crossing of their parents through the Red Sea, forty years earlier. Now Jericho stood in their way. You will remember the astounding collapse of the ancient walls of Jericho, but this week I want to focus on one of the inhabitants, Rahab. I encourage you to read the full story in Joshua 2-6.

All the residents of Jericho had heard the story of the Israelites escaping from Egypt and now four decades later emerging outside the side of Jericho. Great fear was felt by the residents; only Rahab believed in the God of the Israelites and she reached out to help the spies who had come into the city.

Joshua 6:25 (NCV) *Joshua saved Rahab the prostitute, her family, and all who were with her, because Rahab had helped the men he had sent to spy out Jericho. Rahab still lives among the Israelites today.*

She was saved though all around her died. She lived among unbelievers and was redeemed, despite her unsavory past. The faithlessness of all the others didn't condemn her. A woman who should have died, lived.

John 6:47 (NCV) *I tell you the truth, whoever believes has eternal life.*

Her life was changed along with generations after her. After the fall of Jericho, she became one of the Israelites. Rahab eventually married Salmon. They had a son, Boaz, who in the course of time, married Ruth, was in the line of Christ. Rahab, who had a stained past, was so fully redeemed that Father God used her as a demonstration of how powerfully He would use someone who turns from their past and receives new life through the One who would be identified much later as Jesus Christ, the Messiah. A new family, a new future, a new hope as well as a new destiny. The shame of her past dissolved in the face of the joy of her new beginning.

Acts 10:34-35 *Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him."*

The Lord Jesus bless you this week!
Pastor Paul Laursen

Daylight Saving Time has ended. Did you turn your clocks BACK one hour?

This Week at Advent

Sunday, November 1 All Saints; Day

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

Monday, November 2

Tuesday, November 3

Wednesday, November 4

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, November 5

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

Sunday, November 8

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

Server Schedule Today, November 1

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 4)

Ushers Peter Meckes & Teddi Augustine

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (11/2)

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Next Sunday, November 8

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Lewis Meriam

Lector Lewis Meriam

Prayers of the People Lewis Meriam (Form 5)

Ushers Jan & Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Bev Cummings

Counter Anne Crothall (11/9)

Close Advent Ray Busony

November Birthdays

11 Bill Arkley

November Anniversaries

1 John & Liz Urbas
 3 Ray & Patti Busony
 7 Arthur & Marilyn Decker
 27 Lewis & Bunny Meriam



Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Ed Kwasny	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	Dave Luptak

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	
Stella, friend of Bev Cummings	
Tina, 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.



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.

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE DONATED TO THE FISHER HOUSE.

The Fisher House, similar to a Ronald McDonald House, is for military family members to stay free-of-charge while their injured or ill loved one receives treatment, procedures, operations, or rehabilitation. Donations may be made using an envelope for cash or with checks made payable to Advent, and Fisher House on the memo line.

Bishop William Love Resigns as Bishop of the Diocese of Albany

The following are extracts from Bishop Love's Diocesan Convention Address last Saturday, October 24.

I am very disappointed and strongly disagree with the Decision of the Hearing Panel, particularly their belief that I violated my ordination vows and their argument that B012 was passed as an authorized revision to the Book of Common Prayer. The Episcopal Church's case against me, hinged on their interpretation of the nature of B012. Was it properly constituted and passed as an authorized revision to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) or not?

After much thought and prayer, recognizing that whatever disciplinary action would be offered would not be anything I could in good conscience agree to, I have made the very difficult, but necessary decision to resign as Bishop of Albany, effective February 1, 2021 – the 14th Anniversary of my becoming the Bishop Diocesan. Given all that has happened, and that which was still to come, I believe that to stay any longer would be more of a detriment to the Diocese than a help.

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, and I voluntarily entered into an Accord which became effective October 21, 2020. The Accord resolves the matter of my case, thus discharging any further action from the Hearing Panel.

The Accord stipulates I will resign as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Albany, effective February 1, 2021 and I will begin a one-month terminal sabbatical beginning January 1, 2021.

During these past 14 years, I have tried as best I could by God's grace and the empowering and leading of the Holy Spirit to be faithful and obedient to the Lord's call on my life as a Bishop in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I have tried to be faithful and obedient to God's Holy Word as best I understand it, as revealed through the Holy Scriptures, recognizing its authority over my life and the ministry entrusted to me.

I have tried by God's grace and the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit to faithfully uphold my ordination vows, despite the recent ruling of the Hearing Panel, and to carry out the unique ministry of bishops, as "one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel," testifying to "Christ's sovereignty as Lord of Lords and King of Kings."

I have worked hard to "guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church...celebrating and providing for the administration of the sacraments of the Church...and sharing with my fellow bishops in the leadership of the Church throughout the world."

I want to close by encouraging you. At every level our Diocese is filled with incredible Spirit-filled people (lay and ordained) who love and faithfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ day in and day out. Over these past 14 years, you have accomplished so much together, through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. God has used you to help bless countless lives in our communities and beyond. The Lord is powerfully present in the Diocese of Albany and will help lead you through the uncertainties of the coming days – if you fix your eyes on Jesus. In Him, we find hope, truth, unity, strength, and peace.