



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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**November 21, 2021 The Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Christ the King Sunday**

Worship with the Diocese of Albany at  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=episcopal+diocese+of+albany](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=episcopal+diocese+of+albany)

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church and may God bless your worship today!

## **Zoom Invitation**

This is a recurring invitation for worship services at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. You can use the same link, Meeting ID, and Passcode Sunday after Sunday. This way, the link won't change week by week. You can launch the link from this transmittal link.

Peace be with you!

There are no changes, just the same info in an abbreviated format. **These are not new, just shortened.**

Join Advent Service via Zoom from PC or tablet

<https://zoom.us/j/93790207331?pwd=NWFEXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzIzQT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

## **Bible Study**

There will be no 9:00 a.m. Bible Study on Sunday, November 28. Bible Study will resume the following Sunday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m.



## **Christmas Poinsettias**

Order forms for poinsettias are included in the bulletin today. The poinsettias will adorn the altar for the Christmas services. The cost of each plant is \$10.00.

If you wish to purchase and donate a plant in memory or honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving, please fully complete an order form (please print legibly), and put it in the offering plate, with cash or a check made payable to Advent and Poinsettias on the memo line.

**The deadline for ordering is Sunday December 5.**

## This Week at Advent

### Sunday, November 21

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

### Monday, November 22

### Tuesday, November 23

### Wednesday, November 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent  
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group  
7:00 p.m. No The Praise Community

### Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Church office is closed

### Sunday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. No Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Server Schedule Today, November 21

### 8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick  
Acolyte Kylie Bunn

### 10:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

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

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (11/22)

Close Advent Ray Busony

## Server Schedule November 28

### 8:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

### 10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 2)

Usher Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (11/29)

Close Advent Peter Meckes

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



## Prayer Request

### Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Joan Joye	Gus Cratcha
Mary Lou Dixon	Marilyn Decker	Stacey Smith
Bob Allen	Karen Zolar	Shirley Moore
Barb Frank	Arthur Beel	Sue Boyce
Michael Urich	Sharon Rice	George Belinsky
Bill & Judy Arkley	Steve Boyce	Dave Luptak
John & Anne Crothall		Jan Nagy
Bev Cummings		

### Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Ken Wood Jim Johnson	Betty Clark
Eliza Jennings residents	Bill Liptak
Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck	
Julie and Ray Coy	
Residents of Pinzone Tower	
Will Hayes, friend of Cynthea Sabolich	
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy	
Carolyn Kay, cousin of Jan Nagy	
Shirley Wilton, Grandmother of Bruce Bunn	
David Arkley, son of Bill & Judy Arkley	
Jessica Laursen, Niece of Paul Laursen	
Cathy Sutula, friend of Kathleen Huffman	

### Safety Protection

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.

## November is Adoption Awareness Month

November is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of adoption and the needs of orphans waiting for forever families. Many at Advent have been touched by earthly adoption – family and friends have opened their hearts and homes by adopting orphans, have served as foster parents, and have financially supported others in this expensive process. But it's also important to remember that each of us has been spiritually adopted: Ephesians 1:5 says “ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure”; James 1:27 says “The worship that God wants is this: caring for orphans or widows who need help.”; and Deuteronomy 10:18 instructs “He does what is right and fair for the child without parents”. Let's give thanks that God has adopted us into His spiritual family and let's give thanks that others have adopted orphans into their earthly families.



### Advent Wreath – Readers Needed

Those who are interested in participating in the Lighting of the Advent Wreath with short readings the Sundays of Advent (November 28, December 5, and 12) should please leave a note with your name and preferred Sunday on JoAnn's desk.

## Summary of Diocesan Convention 2021

- Friday night, racial justice and injustice, equity and reconciliation were the collective focus of the Bishop's episcopal address, a presentation by the Commission on Racial Justice and Diocesan Council, and breakout room discussions. During a 3-minute slide-show presentation there was one mention or sign with the name of Jesus and 15 signs showing Black Lives Matter.
- The business session on Saturday took 2.5 hours – very short. It's very difficult to foster relationships, network, and build community via Zoom and without face-to-face interactions.
- 210 delegates (clergy and lay) attended representing 82 parishes in the Diocese.
- 2022 Diocesan budgeted revenue is \$3.5M, of which 61% is Support from Congregations and 39% from endowment/investment income and fees. Budget is, by definition, break-even.
- Resolution R-1 on Clergy Compensation called for a 3.5% increase in compensation. Fr. Ben Randall's total cost to Advent was projected to be \$120,000 per year (including pension, health benefits, and Diocesan assessment). Abiding by this resolution would therefore have increased the cost to Advent to approximately \$124,000.
- There was no discussion on Resolution R-2 to adopt the use of Gender-Expansive Pronouns in Diocesan and individual parish communications, to avoid limitations of gender-binary pronouns, to welcome trans and nonbinary participants, and to not use language that does not 'fit the western binaries of "male" and "female"'. 167 YES and 49 NO
- Bellwether Farm is a prominent focus of Diocesan activities and communications.
- The Diocesan Joint Investment Fund (JIF) is implementing policies in support of ESG – Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance – the fund's collective conscientiousness for social and environmental factors.
- The president of the Standing Committee, rector of Trinity, Toledo, gave inspiring and Christ-centered prayers to open and close the Convention.
- Using 2019 Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) statistics, pre-COVID, Advent's ASA was 43.
  - o 50 congregations had ASA greater than Advent's 43
  - o 31 had ASA less than Advent's 43 (38% of Diocesan congregations)
  - o 9 had ASA greater than 100
  - o 17 had ASA of 25 or less (20% of Diocesan congregations)

Bishop Hollingsworth is retiring. The Standing Committee appointed a search committee, a Diocesan profile is being prepared, nominations are being accepted, and the search process is expected to culminate with an election at the Diocesan Convention in November 2022. The person elected becomes Bishop Coadjutor, meaning she/he transitionally overlaps in serving with Bp Hollingsworth for a short time before he retires, when the Coadjutor becomes the Diocesan Bishop, probably in the spring of 2023.