

# ADVENTURES a weekly newsletter;

# April 24th, 2022 The Second Sunday of Easter

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

### NO Zoom Access This Week 4/24 Only

We will not have zoom access for this week April 24th but it will be back up and running starting next week again!

### Our Second Lesson On Easter Sunday: Colossians 3:1-4

Reprinted from the Trinity School for Ministry 2022 Lenten Devotional – Easter Sunday, April 17 from The Very Rev. Dr. Laurie Thompson, Dean President

"If you have then been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1) Easter Day always hits me hard emotionally for one simple reason. It is the day that I think of those who do not understand or grasp what God has done in His Son. The stark reality presented by the resurrection of Christ leaves a clear choice: you either believe it or you do not. "If you have been raised up with Christ..." Some do not embrace this truth and do not have their mind set on the "things above" (verse 2, NAS version).

My heart breaks at this thought. Gregory Smith in discussing the most recent Pew Forum study points out that there has been a 6% increase in the last five years among those who have no religious affiliation at all. The numbers in the USA are trending toward unbelief. Amidst a land that is troubled by its fears concerning health, economy, politics, and moral ethics there has never been a greater need for a revival of fresh hope, conviction, and courage. Now is the time for Christians to rediscover that our life is "hidden with Christ in God" (verse 3). We need a revival, and this is not the first time such a need has arisen. In 1835 Charles Finney wrote about the need he saw in New York, Ohio, and New England. He wrote: "A revival breaks the power of the world and of sin over Christians. It brings to such a vantage ground that they get a fresh impulse towards heaven. They have a new foretaste of heaven, and new desire after union with God; and the charm of the world is broken, and the power of sin is overcome...the worst parts of human society are softened and reclaimed, and made to appear as lovely specimens of the beauty of holiness..." (Lectures on Revivals in Religion cited Charles Hambrick-Stowe, p. xvii)

As we rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection this Easter day, we pray for the ones around us who have not embraced faith in Christ. Invite them to meet the resurrected Christ. And let us remind ourselves that "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in Glory." (verse 4). Revival in the land begins with the revival of our own hearts and minds.

Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, revive us as your children that we might set our minds on the things that are above, that we might be images of hope to our broken land calling others to your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. The Very Rev. Dr. Laurie Thompson

Dean President

Trinity School for Ministry

#### **Ladies Night Out**

Please join us on Monday, May 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at Macaroni Grill, 25001 Country Club Blvd, North Olmsted. Please let Marilyn Decker know if you can attend at 440-779-8834 or see her at church. Hope you can make it!

#### Men's Night Out

Monday May 9th @ 6:30 PM, BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse 25779 Brookpark Road, North Olmsted, OH 44070 Come join us for good, food, conversation, and fellowship. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending, at: nosonut5830@att.net or 440-657-5286.

#### **Adult Bible Study**

Advent's Adult Bible Study meets at 9:00a.m. on Sunday's, we are going to begin a study on the Book of Daniel. Everyone is welcome! We are all learners together on our faith walk. The study will begin May 22nd; further information will be coming!

## **Baldwin Wallace Women's Chorus**

On Friday April 29th at 8pm, Kulas Hall 49 Front Street, Berea

#### This Week at Advent

Sunday, April 24

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, April 25

Tuesday, April 26

Wednesday, April 27

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, April 28

Sunday, May 1

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

## **Prayer Request**

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny Joan Jove Gus Cratcha Mary Lou Dixon Marilyn Decker Stacey Smith Karen Zolar Shirley Moore Barb Frank Arthur Beel Sue Boyce Michael Uhrich George Belinsky Sharon Rice Bill & Judy Arkley Steve Boyce Dave Luptak John Crothall Anne Crothall Bev Cummings Bill Carangio John Vasicek Carole Conaway

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma
Ken Wood Jim Johnson
Eliza Jennings residents

Fr. Richard Lutz
Betty Clark
Bill Liptak

Ray Coy

Residents of Pinzone Tower

Andrew Bodi & Bodi Family, friend of Cynthea Sabolich

Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy Bill Tumbleson, former Advent Priest Cathy Sutula, friend of Kathleen Huffman

Pam Padrutt-Melvin, friend of Denise Gever-Keller

Mike Wilson, father of Debbie Priefer

Dar Khoury's Mom

Safety Protection

David Arkley, 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.

Server Schedule Today, April 24

8:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Lector** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Prayers of the People** Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 2)

**Usher** Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

**Counter** Anne Crothall (4/25)

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

Server Schedule Sunday, May 1

8:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Lector** Denise Geyer-Keller

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

Usher Max Gage

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Counter** Anne Crothall (5/2)

**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.

#### **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=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzlZQT09

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930