



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

December 11th, 2022 The Third Sunday of Advent

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

Stewardship 2023 and Our Collective Response

What fun it is to read appeals for money! What fun it is to ask for money! Yet, your giving enables us to worship together on Sundays and special occasions and at memorial services, to grow from the Christ-centered sermons and music we're blessed with, to provide outreach to skilled nursing and international missionaries and relief organizations, to maintain our worship space and facility, to have fellowship opportunities, and to continue a presence of Christian hope in our little corner of God's earth. Please consider how you will participate with your time, energy, prayers, presence, and finances to encourage us all to continue serving as a remnant for God in this place we call Advent. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Stewardship

As I explained Sunday we need to develop a budget for 2023. The vestry has to approve the funds I'm going to spend on the building, maintaining our place of worship. If you haven't already, please fill out the pledge notice that was sent in the mail or just drop a note in with your Sunday giving (or call the office) as to what you can pledge for 2023. With an income in mind we can plan a budget for salaries, utilities, Outreach, grounds & building maintenance.

Your Faithfulness is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Ray Busony Jr. Warden

Good Morning from Kathmandu!

We arrived Friday back in the nation's capital by plane. Saturday morning, which is the day for worship in Christian churches in Nepal. It's a Hindu holy day so Christians use it for worship since at least some commerce and regular work is shut down. Feels quite strange to me, however.

Kathryn and I shared the message to an amazing church plant. The majority of attendees were young, A boatload of babies and preschool age children all over the outdoor church which met in the middle of a plot in what looked like a huge community garden. Because of persecution the church is being forced to move to another location. There are three Hindu shrines in this area of the city and the leaders aren't happy with the successful church plant.

Our estimate was that there were about 100 people in attendance. To get to the church, it was necessary to traverse a pathway around many garden plots as well as ignore the pen of cows just off the street. Not what we would consider an idea location, but families come from over an hour away to participate.

By the way this was an Anglican church plant. The local pastor as well as the staff of the larger church that established this satellite ministry are born again Spirit filled folks; really special to visit with them and hear their vision.

Today, Sunday, we are travelling by taxi about 2 ½ hours to the site of our last conference in Nepal. On Thursday we will be traveling by air to Bangladesh for the last week of our mission trip. We have been told that it is a very dark country spiritually, so Kathryn and I would appreciate your prayer support for this last leg of our adventure.

Healthwise we have been blessed. A fun experience has been that we were told to pack winter clothing for our week in Pokhara. During the day it never got below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Kathryn even bought a new winter coat to prepare for that frigid air. Frigid must be defined differently in Nepal!

I have found both the leaders and the people from the many different church groups to be highly appreciative of our input. The fellowship before and after the meetings has also been just edifying.

We have found that our teaching together has been really blessed by the Lord. The typical pattern is that I start a teaching session, she does part two and we mesh beautifully even though we don't discuss what the theme of my teaching will be.

For the past couple of nights we have been sleeping in a room at the Kathmandu church which had been an office formerly. Several seminary students occupy this wing of the church on the weekends where they can bunk and cook for themselves. So there has been a lot of traffic around us. Wonderful to see.

The back to back to back schedule of teachings at four different sites has been challenging at times, but we have found that it's working well for us. We had a bit of time off in Pokhara, so we went for a week to the nearby lake and a long stretch of small open air shops. We noticed that because of the color of our skin we were quickly identified as tourists and were hounded by the shop owners, so we didn't stay long!

On to our fifth and last conference in Nepal.

The Lord's blessing on you and your family as you begin to think about and plan for your celebration of Christmas. When the daytime low here has been 70 degrees, it has been difficult to even think about Christmas.

Paul

This Week at Advent

Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Monday, December 12

2:00 p.m. Eliza Jennings Ministry

Tuesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 14

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, December 15

Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Joan Joye	Gus Cratcha	
Mary Lou Dixon	Marilyn Decker	Stacey Smith
Karen Zolar	Shirley Moore	Barb Frank
Arthur Beel	Sue Boyce	Michael Uhrich
Sharon Rice	George Belinsky	Bill & Judy Arkley
Steve Boyce	Dave Luptak	John Crothall
Anne Crothall	Bev Cummings	Bill & Joyce Carangio
John Vasicek	Nita Ritchie	
Bruce Finch	Cynthia Sabolich	
Jason Evans	Paul Laursen	

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Jim Johnson	Betty Clark
Eliza Jennings residents	Ray Coy
Residents of Pinzone Tower	Gary Conaway
Andrew Bodi & Bodi Family, friend of Cynthia Sabolich	
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy	
Mike Wilson, father of Debbie Priefer	
Dar Khoury's Mom	
Tina and Donna, friends of Beverly Cummings	
Pastor Julia Wertz, Pole Methodist Church, and Easton Methodist Church	
Jeff Campbell, nephew of Mary Lou Dixon	
Baby Ruby, 2 year old, friend of Sue Boyce	
Ann, sister of Mary Lou	
Cade and the Maurer Family, friends of Denise Geyer-Keller	
Sandy, friend of Sue Boyce	
Melissa, friend of Joan Joye	
Richard Shaw, cousin of Denise Geyer-Keller	

Safety Protection

David Arkley, son of Bill & Judy Arkley
Rachel Moffitt, ER Nurse daughter of Bill & Judy Arkley
All Workers at Cleveland Crisis Pregnancy Center
Please contact the church office if you would like your name added or removed from our list.

Server Schedule Today, December 11

8:00 a.m.

Officiant Denise Geyer-Keller
Kylie Bunn

10:00 a.m.

Officiant Bill Benedict

Message Dick McCormick

Usher Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Bill Benedict

Counter Anne Crothall (12/12)

Close Advent Peter Meckes

Server Schedule Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m.

Officiant Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

Officiant Dick McCormick

Message Darlene Khoury

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (12/19)

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

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=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzZlZOT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930