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## 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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#### WELCOME TO ADVENT!

Advent means "arrival" or "coming." Many of us have a temptation to believe that we can live a good enough life or do the right things to make our way to God. We think that if we do enough of the right types of things, then God will allow us into His home. But the Bible tells us again and again that we are never the first movers in this relationship. God is always the initiator. He spoke all things into being; He created; and He pursues. He is the one who arrives. And we see this in the first advent of God.

John begins his gospel by saying, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (ESV). God the Son came to us in the first advent: what the church calls the incarnation. He didn't wait for us to try and make our way to his heavenly abode. He didn't stand above us to lecture us or condemn us. He came to us. In fact, he became one of us, taking on flesh, pain, sorrows, and death.

And God hasn't stopped there. After Jesus came into this world to inaugurate the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven, after he died on the cross to atone for our sins, and after he was raised from the dead to defeat sin and death, He ascended to heaven to assume the throne. Scripture tells us that he will come again. And when he comes again, he is bringing the new heavens and the new earth with him.

It is in this second advent, that Jesus promises to make all things new. Though he has already dealt with sin and death, it isn't until he comes again that death will be eradicated. ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST | ORDINARY

## PENTECOST

"The season after Pentecost Sunday and leading up to Advent is referred to as Ordinary Time. It does not mean the time is boring and mundane, but rather "Ordinary" refers to the "ordinal" way that the church calendar counts the Sundays from Pentecost until the Season of Advent. Historically the church has used this time to more fully flesh out Christ's work in the lives of her people, in the church as a whole, or in Christ's Kingdom over all the earth. Robert Webber writes that during Ordinary Time,

Many worship traditions follow lectionaries that highlight the work of the Spirit in the mission of the church in the world. Other churches organize their worship life around a lectio continua, continuous readings from a given section of Scripture. Some worship traditions have also called this season 'Kingdomtime,' focusing on the kingdom of God that is present now and the one that will be realized in more profound ways in the future....

[Thus] the various Sundays are not connected by a particular theme. In Advent we await the coming of Christ; during Christmas, we celebrate his arrival; and at Epiphany, we proclaim that Christ is manifested to the world as Savior. During Lent, we prepare for the death; in Holy Week, we reenact his death; then in Easter, we celebrate his resurrection and complete the Easter cycle with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. But in the nonfestive season of the church year, there is no unified theme that ties the Sundays together.

At Advent Houston, we want to use this "nonfestive" season to focus on our particular mission in this particular time and place that God has for particular individuals like us. We want to minister to one another in the distinct ways that we need to hear the good news of what Jesus has done, and we want to practice our faith in light of the truth that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.

\*Robert E. Webber, Ancient Future Time

## REFLECTIONS

God is above the world, and is also above sin and all evil. He allowed it because he could expiate it. So he maintained through all centuries and among all men the longing and the capacity for redemption, and wrought that redemption himself in the fullness of time, in the midst of history, in the crucified Christ.

#### - Herman Bayinck

But if the biblical story is true, the kind of certainty proper to a human being will be one which rests on the fidelity of God, not upon the competence of the human knower. It will be a kind of certainty which is inseparable from gratitude and trust.

#### - Lesslie Newbigin

The God who walks the paths of history through the pages of the Bible pins a mission statement to every signpost on the way.

## - Christopher J.H. Wright

But, as we wait for him to come again, we wait with hope. And as we wait, we live in light of that hope – praying for and acting in the knowledge that God's Kingdom will come in bits and pieces even now, offering us glimpses of the way that it is supposed to be, the way it will ultimately be.

In the middle of these two advents of Christ, there is a third advent. There is the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, to help us to remember all that he taught and accomplished (John 14:26), and to help us as we follow him by faith. And Jesus tells us to follow him in the same way that he himself came. We are to leave our own comforts and to come into the places that he has called us. And so, in that way, we want to take the example of Christ's first coming to enter into the lives of our community. We want to bear witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God in its fullness in the future. And, we want to minister as the mouthpiece, the hands, and the feet of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit (John 20:21).

So, Advent Houston is a coming of a group of Christians to the Texas Medical Center, to Rice University, and to the surrounding neighborhoods to embrace, embody, and extend the grace of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.

We are so glad that you are here with us!

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 71:1-3a; 5a; 6b ESV

Leader: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear

to me, and save me!

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

People: For you, O Lord, are my hope,

My praise is continually of you!

**\*SONG** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words by Robert Robinson and music by John Wyeth

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Come Thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Corinthians 3:18-23, pg. 896

<sup>18</sup> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup> So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's. (ESV)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

\*SONG All Sufficient Merit

Words and music by Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, and Shane Barnard © 2023 More Songs From Wellhouse

### Verse 1

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

#### Verse 2

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

#### Chorus

It is done it is finished No more debt I owe Paid in full all sufficient Merit now my own

#### Verse 3

I lay down my garments any empty boast Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine Charus x2

#### Verse 4

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

Chorus x2

## Tag

Your merit now my own Your merit now my own

## STORIES OF MISSION & MERCY

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed and To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism

Leader: Oh Christian, what do we believe?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and

earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: What is the Church?

ALL: The Church is the whole community of faithful Christians in heaven and on earth, called and formed by God into one people.

The Church on earth gathers to worship God in Word and Sacrament, to serve God and neighbor, and to proclaim the

Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Why is the Church called the Body of Christ?

ALL: The Church is called the Body of Christ because all who belong to

the Church are united to Christ as their Head and source of life, and are united to one another in Christ for mutual love and

service to him.

<sup>\*</sup>that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Anonymous Source

Leader: Almighty God, although this life can be bitter, we have let bitterness

grow in our hearts.

ALL: Too often we abandon what You provide because we don't get what

we think we deserve.

Leader: We forget that we deserve death.

ALL: And even more we often forget that get what we don't deserve: new

life because of Jesus' sacrifice in our place.

Leader: We have suffered many things, but we have also caused great

sufferings.

ALL: We have failed our family, our friends, and our neighbors.

Leader: We do not have, because we do not ask you.

ALL: When we ask, we do not receive, because we ask with wrong

motives, that we may spend what we get on our pleasures.

Leader: Still, we hear you calling our names and we know you will come back

for us.

ALL: You saw us as poor orphans, but you brought us into an everlasting

home that will not crumble.

Leader: Give to your children repentant hearts filled with thanksgiving and

hope.

ALL: In the name of Jesus, our faithful Friend and King. Have mercy on us.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins

through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and

by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen

## \*I LOVE YOU LORD

Words and music by Laurie Klein © 1978, 1980 House Of Mercy Music

I love You, Lord And I lift my voice To worship You Oh my soul, rejoice Take joy my King

In what You hear

May it be a sweet, sweet sound

In your ear

#### **ADVENTURERS**

CHILDREN (K - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES)

All children, Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, are invited to go to Adventurers, for a children's lesson and activity time during the sermon. The Adventurers will be escorted back to the worship area during the Passing of the Peace.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer for 4th Sunday of Easter, Book of Common Prayer.

Leader:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

(Leader intercedes on behalf of needs of church and world)

#### **SERMON READING**

Exodus 1:8-22; 2:1-10; 23-25, pg. 42

<sup>8</sup> Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. <sup>13</sup> So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

<sup>15</sup>Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

2 1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. <sup>4</sup> And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. <sup>5</sup> Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for vou?" 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. 10 When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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<sup>23</sup> During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. <sup>24</sup> And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> God saw the people of Israel—and God knew. (ESV)

Leader: The word of the LORD. **People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Taylor Leachman

Exodus: God's Deliverance and Our Freedom — "My Place in This World"

Do you have a question about today's sermon? If so, click on the QR code for discussion at the next Family Lunch & Discussion time.



## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

May the peace of the Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

## **OFFERTORY & PRIVATE PRAYER**

All giving is a response to God's generosity to you in all aspects of life, but particularly through the person and work of Jesus. If you are not sure what you think about Jesus or Christianity, or if you are a guest, we would invite you to refrain from giving at this time. Online giving is available at adventpres.org/give. You can also scan this QR code or place a gift in the offering basket near the entrance of the worship area.

## SERVICE OF THE TABLE

#### **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

ALL: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Nourish us, therefore, gracious Lord, so that in partaking of this sacrament of your son Jesus Christ, we may walk in newness of life, grow into his likeness,

and evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the

glory of your Name:

## **SONG**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full
Full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

People: Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these

your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and with your church in all the world. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and

forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Leader: These gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your

hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# COMMUNION AT ADVENT

Advent welcomes all baptized Christians to participate in the Lord's table. This includes all Christians, whether members at Advent or at another church. Children who have been baptized and admitted to the table by the elders of this church or the leadership of another church are also welcome to the table.

If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Feel free to use the prayers printed in the bulletin below. Non-communing children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing while their parents receive communion.

### **ABOUT THE ELEMENTS**

- We serve both wine and grape juice for communion.
- Grape juice is available in the center of the communion trays; wine is available along the edge.
- All communion bread is aluten free.



#### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. A prayer of belief: A prayer for those struggling against sin: A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

#### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING AGAINST SIN

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

# A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT YET MADE A PROFESSION OF FAITH

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

Words and music by Isaac Wardell © 2012 Bifrost Arts Music

#### Verse 1

Our mouths they were filled filled with laughter Our tongues they were loosed loosed with joy Restore us O Lord Restore us O Lord

#### Chorus

Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing The seeds of Your kingdom for the day You will reap them Your sheaves we will carry, Lord please do not tarry All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy

#### Verse 2

The nations will say He has done great things
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord
Chorus

## **Ending**

All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy

\*SONG Blessed Assurance

#### Verse 1

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine O what a foretaste of glory divine Heir of salvation purchase of God Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

#### Chorus

This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long

#### Verse 2

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Chorus

#### Verse 3

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love
Chorus x2

## COMMISSIONING AND PRAYER FOR COLLEGE & GRAD STUDENTS

## \*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

(ESV)

ALL: AMEN.

**FOURTH-YEAR LAUNCH PHOTO** 

Everyone

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CHILDREN & ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES STARTING SOON**



Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M.

Starting the Sunday after Labor Day, join us for Sunday School at 9:00 A.M. in the Multi-purpose Room. Come ready to listen, learn, and discuss. Childcare will be provided.

Location: YMCA Multi-purpose Room

## CHRISTIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (C.S.F.) DINNER



September 21st, 6:00 P.M.

If you're a medical student please come and let us welcome you into a home for a warm meal and some time to relax and fellowship with other students and professionals. Invite a friend and Sign—up on Church Center.

Location: The Henrys' House | 727 Last Arrow Dr.

#### SERVING TEAM SERVING TEAM SIGNUP



You are what make Advent Houston a special place! Whether you read scripture, teach Adventurers, or place chairs in the gym, you are needed and appreciated! Take a minute and complete the Signup Survey and let us know where you'd like to serve. Consider serving in an area you've not yet served. Give it a try, if you like it keep doing it, if not there are plenty other ways to serve.

Contacts:

Jonathan—Setup/Teardown Maggie—Family Ministry

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## **PARISH GROUPS – OPEN ENROLLMENT**



Want to get connected more with the Advent community? Check out one of our Parish Groups.

Complete the Parish Group Interest form and we will reach out to you.

#### FAMILY MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids Sunday School (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades) – Adventurers Starts September 7th

Welcome 9:00, Stories 9:15 A.M.

Location: YMCA Multipurpose Room

Youth Ministry (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Pathfinders Everly Other Sunday

Beginning in September

6:30 – 8:00 P.M. Location: Various, TBD

Communion Workshop for Kids and Parents October 5<sup>th</sup>

Gathering 9:00, Begins 9:15 A.M.

Parent's Night Out November 7<sup>th</sup>

Location: Zambetti's

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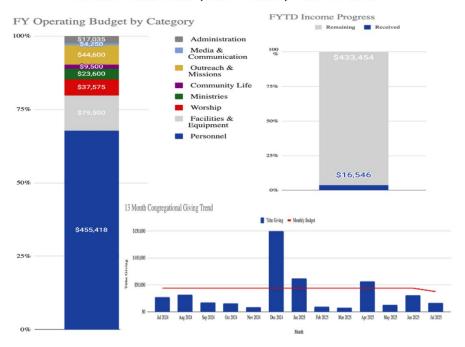
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#### FINANCIALS

## FISCAL YEAR 2026 (JULY - JUNE) - AS OF JULY



## GIVING AT ADVENT

If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to simply be our guest today! Contributions from our members and regular attenders sustain the work of our church, our staff, and our people. We give sacrificially and graciously because of the joy we have in God's generosity to us! May we be regularly reminded of the Lord's provision and care for us while humbly accepting the invitation to participate in His work.

## FOR MORE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:9-15; Hebrews 7 PCA Foundation: <a href="https://pcafoundation.com/is-tithing-a-christian-obligation/">https://pcafoundation.com/is-tithing-a-christian-obligation/</a>

### HOW TO GIVE

It would be tremendously beneficial to have more regular and automated giving throughout the calendar year. All options are available to you from leaving a donation in the offering basket, to automating online giving, to donating appreciated securities. We welcome your questions and input. With the wonderful help of Auxilio Partners, we strive for transparency. Our budget is available upon request.

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#### **DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS**

These daily readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary and are intended to complement the readings heard in worship. The first three days readings reflect on the prior Sunday's readings, while the last three days lead into the upcoming Sunday's readings.

Date         Psalm         Old Testament         New Testament           8/24         Psalm 71:1-6; 103:1-8         Isaiah 58:9b-14         Luke 13:10-17           8/25         Psalm 10; 109:21-31         Ezekiel 20:1-17         Hebrews 3:7-4:11           Jeremiah 7:16-26         B/26         Psalm 10; 109:21-31         Ezekiel 20:18-32         Revelation 3:7-13           Jeremiah 7:27-34         B/27         Psalm 10; 109:21-31         Ezekiel 20:33-44         Luke 6:6-11           Jeremiah 11:1-17         Jeremiah 11:1-17         1 Peter 3:8-12	
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