

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called
Emmanuel: God with us. Matthew 1.23

4th Sunday of Advent

Celebrant – Rev. Bert Chestnut
Licensed Lay Minister –Barb Patterson
Eucharistic Minister – Marsha Slaunwhite

8:00am Holy Communion BCP

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Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Page 433

10:00am Holy Eucharist (BAS) Livestreamed

Processional Hymn: Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding CP 108

Jesse Tree
Lighting of the Advent Candle
**Let us pray: God of the ages, born this night in Bethlehem, may you be
born anew each day in all our hearts. Be the light in our hearts as we
celebrate the coming of your Son at Christmas, in our own lives, and as
we await and work for his return to rule over the whole earth. Amen.**

Advent Hymn: Light the Advent Candle One (verse 4) SB 129

Children’s Talk: Rev. Bert Chestnut

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The Collect for the day

Heavenly Father, **who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the
mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in
all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Choir Cantata: Were you there on that Christmas night by Lloyd Larson
Program outline: A Great Light, Bethlehem, Never been a night like this!,
All is well, Sing we now of Christmas, Welcome to our world, Were you
there on that Christmas night.
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing CP 138

Homily – Rev. Bert Chestnut
Prayers of the people
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Offertory Hymn: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks CP 136

Prayer over the gifts

Gracious God, **by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of
your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ the Lord**

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Breaking of the Bread #5 Page 212
Gluten-free bread is available, please ask at the altar.

Communion Hymns:

Of Eternal Love Begotten CP 132
Mary’s Boy Child CP 125
Once in Royal David’s City CP 123

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, **in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.
May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

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Recessional Hymn: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy CP 128

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Diocese cycle of prayer: St James’ & St John the Baptist Brooklyn.
We pray for all members of our Church and the ministries carried out in
their lives.

Readings for Christmas Eve

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-169:2-7
Psalm 96
2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14
The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

This week in our parish

Sunday 8:00am BCP Communion
10:00am BAS Eucharist with Christmas Cantata
Wednesday... 6:30pm Christmas Carols
7:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist
Sunday..... 10:00am Carols and Devotions Service
Parish Christmas Party

Notices

Christmas Memorials: Today is the deadline to submit the names of loved ones for the Christmas Memorials. Donations can be made to the Church, Emmanuel Cemetery or our Food Bank.

Upcoming Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday Dec 24 at 7pm. Rev. Bert Chestnut will lead this family friendly Service with Eucharist, beginning with a Carol Sing at 6:30.

Carols and Devotions- Sunday Dec 28 at 10am. There will be no 8am Service on this day.

Parish Christmas Party- Sunday Dec 28 following the Carols and Devotions Service, in the Hall. All are welcome to join us for some fun and fellowship.

Handbell Choir: A new opportunity coming in the new year: a handbell choir! (These are the colourful children's handbells—not the brass ones.) This group will be open to ages 7 through adult, and practices will take place for about 20 minutes following the 10 am service. If your child—or you—are interested, please feel free to speak with Treena after church. There will be space for about 8–10 participants.

Foodbank: The Foodbank needs egg cartons

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**We are a worshipping, loving, welcoming community
joyfully sharing God's gifts!**



December 21, 2025
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