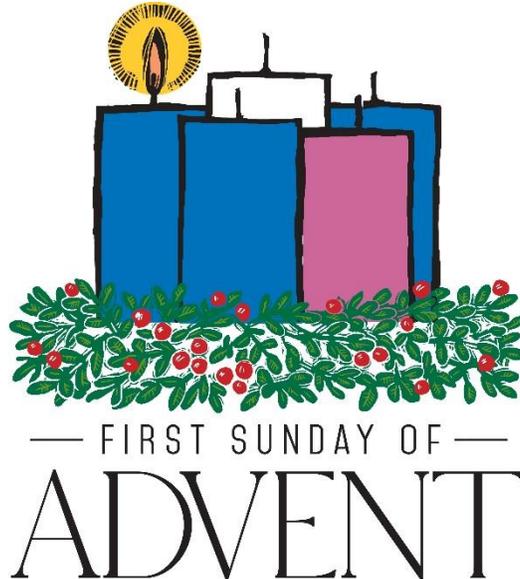


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Dillon, Montana  
December 3, 2017  
Advent I  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**



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If you are visiting St. James we **WELCOME** you!  
We pray your visit is as much a blessing to you as it is to us.

**Mission Statement:** We at St. James Parish believe that we are Christ's own, and that our reason for existence is to follow his commandments to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.



*When you come in glory, Jesus, to gather your elect (Mark 13:26-27), by your grace and love may I be counted among them. Amen.*



**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “O come, O come, Emmanuel” vs. 1 & 2 Hymnal 56

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain*

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

*Antiphon (together): Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.*

*While the candles are being lit, together we pray:*

*Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ. Amen*

*Antiphon (together): Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The following is said, all standing*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One.

*Have mercy upon us.*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant The Lord be with you

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE** A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the God's people.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 80:1-7,16-18** Read responsively by full verse

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- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 *In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.*
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 *O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?*

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 *You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.*

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 *Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.*

17 And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 *Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

**THE EPISTLE** A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the God's people.  
*People* *Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL HYMN** "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

Hymnal 58

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia!	2 Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at nought and sold him,
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pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture

gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Mark 13:24-37

## HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: **Keep awake.**"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## SERMON

The Reverend Sue Eades

## NICENE CREED

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,*

*maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and  
the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven*

*and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come.*

*Amen.*

*God ever-faithful*

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*Refrain*

God ev - er faith - ful, God ev - er - mer - ci - ful,  
God of your peo - ple, hear our prayer.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Form I BCP. Pg. 383 Deacon Steve

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

[For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy./*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city (town, village, \_\_\_\_\_), for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

[For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.]*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

[For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.]*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

[For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.]*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

[Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.  
*Lord, have mercy.*]

In the communion of [ \_\_\_\_\_ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves,  
and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
*To thee, O Lord our God.*

### **Prayer for Discernment in the search for our next Bishop:**

*All: Loving God, raise up for the Diocese of Montana a shepherd who will lead with  
compassion, with courage and with comprehension of the needs of all your people,  
that we may be led by a bishop who is committed to ministering from the mountains to  
the plains, from cities to rural areas always remembering the poor, the marginalized  
and those with no voice . . .*

*This we ask Father in the name of your Son, Jesus, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

### **Concluding Collect**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to  
ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in  
our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Kneel as able*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on 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. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*People*

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

*A blessed Advent to all! Welcome to worship as we prepare for Jesus' birth and second coming.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

“Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

Hymnal 596

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| 1 Judge eternal, throned in splendor,<br>Lord of lords and King of kings,<br>with thy living fire of judgment<br>purge this land of bitter things;<br>solace all its wide dominion<br>with the healing of thy wings. | 2 Still the weary folk are pining<br>for the hour that brings release,<br>and the city's crowded clangor | cries aloud for sin to cease;<br>and the homesteads and the woodlands<br>plead in silence for their peace. | 3 Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;<br>cleave our darkness with thy sword;<br>feed all those who do not know thee<br>with the richness of thy word;<br>cleanse the body of this nation<br>through the glory of the Lord. |
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## THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| Celebrant     | The Lord be with you.  |
| <i>People</i> | <i>And also with you.</i>  |
| Celebrant     | Lift up your hearts.   |
| <i>People</i> | <i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>   |
| Celebrant     | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  |
| <i>People</i> | <i>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</i>  |
| Celebrant     | It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,<br>all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. |

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Sanctus**

**S130**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those*

*who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

## **Breaking of the Bread**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

*All: We being many are one bread, one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad-ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
 Fad-ing light and dy-ing sea-son sing their Glo-ri-as to you.  
 your do-min-ion bring now near us; we a-wait the sav-ing birth.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*God of abundance,  
 you have fed us with the bread of life  
 and cup of salvation;  
 you have united us  
 with Christ and one another;  
 and you have made us one  
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth  
 in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue for ever  
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSING** May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

Hymnal 68

1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers,  
 and let your lights appear!  
 The evening is advancing,  
 and darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising,  
 and soon he will draw nigh;  
 up, watch in expectation!  
 at midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning,  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting,  
the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory,  
the Bridegroom is at hand!

3 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!

**DISMISSAL**

Deacon Steve

### **A Note on Today's Readings** *The First Sunday of Advent—Year B*

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. The season of Advent begins today. The name of the season means “coming,” and it celebrates God’s coming to us in the birth of Jesus and looks toward Christ’s return at the end of history as Savior and Judge.

The first reading from Isaiah reflects the intensity of the prophet’s hope for the Messiah. In a period of Israel’s history when confidence in the people’s own efforts to build God’s Kingdom had collapsed, Isaiah expresses that hope in a passage that has been a part of the Advent liturgy since the earliest days of the Church, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...”

In the second reading we hear Paul’s greeting in his first letter to Corinth. Recognizing the many spiritual gifts of the Corinthian church (a source of their strength, but also a source of the controversy which caused him to write) he says that those spiritual gifts are given to prepare us to greet the return of Christ.

Jesus’ message to his followers is an assurance that he will return and that our lives should be lived in preparation for that return. This theme of watching for his return is always central on the first Sunday of Advent. Today’s reading from Mark is the parable of the door-keeper. It reminds us that we are always to be on the watch for Jesus’ return.

The liturgy is the way the Church lives in the time between Jesus’ first coming and his second coming. In word and sacrament he comes to us again and again, veiled, but present to eyes of faith. In the Eucharist and in ministry to others we are continually being prepared to greet him when he comes again in glory.

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The flowers that adorn our Altar this morning are given in Thanksgiving for Family, Friends and Church Family by Jane & Jim Howard.



The Nursery is funded this week by Sharon Morehouse in Thanksgiving for Grandchildren.



We offer prayers of Thanksgiving for the Birthdays of Nancy Leubben & Bob Bump

### Ministers of the Congregation

Ministry	December 10	December 17 Blue Christmas	December 24-10 am Lessons & Carols	Christmas Eve
Acolyte	Kathryn	Kathryn	Kathryn	Kathryn/Dorothy/ Martha
Chalice Bearer	Deacon	Deacon	No HE	Deacon/Dorothy/ Lee
Lector	Carol M	Sharon	Many	Tyler Tash
Altar Guild	Jane/Katie	Jane/Katie	Jane/Katie	Jane/Katie
Greeter	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Welcome Amb.	Carol	Carol	Carol	Carol
Coffee Host	???	Deb	No Coffee	No Coffee
Counters	Alma/Kathryn	Kathryn/Kay	Kay/Alma	Carol/Dorothy
Sunday School	Dorothy	Jessi	Louise	No S/S

**TODAY** 4-6 pm “The Power of Myth” discussion series continues. Please join us for soup, bread and a great discussion.



Wednesday, Noon will be our Military Prayer service. Please join us as we pray for those who serve to protect our freedoms.

December 6, 2017

Noon

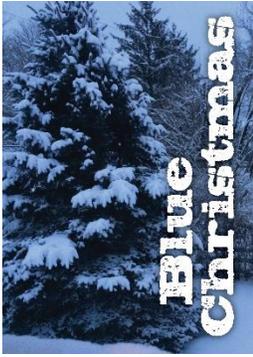
Vestry Next Sunday

### *Prayer of Discernment in the search for our new Bishop*

*Loving God, raise up for the Diocese of Montana a shepherd who will lead with compassion, with courage and with comprehension of the needs of all your people, that we may be led by a bishop who is committed to ministering from the mountains to the plains, from cities to rural areas always remembering the poor, the marginalized and those with no voice . . .*

*This we ask Father in the name of your Son, Jesus, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*(We encourage you to take this prayer home for use during your daily devotions)*



December 17—Blue Christmas &  
Memorial Christmas Tree  
10:00 am Sunday morning



December 24—Festival of Lessons and  
Carols 10:00 am Sunday morning



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 7:30 pm

One of the scribes asked him “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:28-31