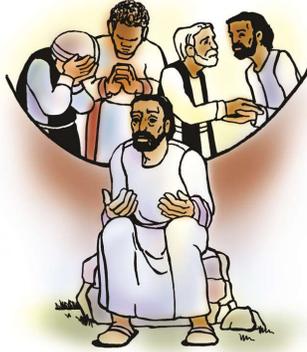


**All Saints Sunday
November 5, 2023
9:30 a.m.**



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

**We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.**

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

Gathering Song: "I Got Saved"

Verse 1

There is a river of gladness
That pours from Emmanuel's veins
This sinner was plunged beneath the flood
And got saved

Verse 2

Since then I walk in forgiveness
All of my guilt was erased
The chains of the past are broken at last
I got saved I got saved

Chorus

I'm undone by the mercy of Jesus
I'm undone by the goodness of the Lord
I'm restored and made right

He got a hold of my life
I've got Jesus how could I want more

Verse 3

I've received nothing but goodness
I've tested and tasted Your grace
I was so lost till I fell at the cross
And got saved oh I got saved

Chorus

I'm undone by the mercy of Jesus
I'm undone by the goodness of the Lord
I'm restored and made right
He got a hold of my life
I've got Jesus how could I want more

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Readings for All Saints Sunday

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**
⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**
⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like
him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to
him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely

on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: “At the Table of Grace”

Verse 1:

Hear the good news
You've been invited
No matter what others may say
Your darkest sins
Will be forgiven
And you will always have a place

Chorus:

At the table of grace
The cup's never empty
The plate's always full
And it's never too late
To come and be filled
With love never ending
You're always welcome
At the table of grace

Verse 2:

So come you weak
And heavy hearted
Don't try to hide
Your earthly scars
In His Eyes
We all are equal
Don't be afraid
Come as you are

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

Chorus:

At the table of grace
The cup's never empty
The plate's always full
And it's never too late
To come and be filled
With love never ending
You're always welcome
At the table of grace

Verse 3:

So let the first
Become the last
Let the poor
Put kings to shame
Their willing hearts
Will be their treasure
By the power of Jesus' name

Chorus:

At the table of grace
The cup's never empty
The plate's always full
And it's never too late
To come and be filled
With love never ending
You're always welcome
At the table of grace

Prayers of the Church

(Each prayer ends with ...*Hear us, O God, the congregation responds: **your mercy is great.***)

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also, with you

The Offering Please leave your offering on our website: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-jdxWYJMFGW_lQfxkD4hBw8WoQ6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKkoPpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

The Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... **God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.**

Sacrament

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

Distribution

The body of Christ, given to you
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray... Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song: "When the Saints Go Marching In"

Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.

Oh, when the trumpet sound its call,
Oh, when the trumpet sound its call,
I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.

Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh, when the new world is revealed,
I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in.

Dismissal

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION - FAITHFUL IN THE WORD

- + To **gather** as God's people and nurture one another.
- + To **know** the Word of God
- + To **grow** in faith, love, and service
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor:	The Rev. Matthew E Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	Jennifer McQuiggan

CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS OPENING IN JANUARY

If you feel God is calling you to serve Advent Church, we have several church council positions opening up in January. Please contact either George Henry or Pastor Matt for additional information on the available positions.
Thank you.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5

The first Sunday in November is All Saints Sunday. We will celebrate our services of Holy Communion remembering family and friends who in the last year have died.



PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED

At Advent we actively pray for those in need by name through the *Prayers of Intercession* during worship and through the *Prayer Chain* during the week.

To add names of those in need of prayer while attending worship, simply provide the name of whom you would like to be prayed for when Pastor takes names at the beginning of the service. If you are worshipping on line, you can message or chat the name on Zoom or Facebook live stream and we will add the name to the list. Because the service is available all-over world-wide web, we use only baptismal or first names and leave out surnames. List of names given for *the Prayers of Intercessions* in worship are maintained for just that day.

The *Prayer Chain* is a group of volunteers at Advent who pray every day, confidentially, for people added to the *Prayer Chain*. Names are added to this list by filling out a Prayer Request Card found in the pews of the sanctuary during worship and are then placed in the offering plate. Names added to the Prayer Chain list are maintained for one month unless asked to be removed earlier. Names can also be submitted by email directly to Gail Oines who manages the Prayer Chain at alcdeacon@yahoo.com. Because this prayer list is confidential more information can be provided so that the Prayer Chain volunteers can pray more specifically for the person added to the list.

If you would like someone to be prayed for in both the *Prayers of Intercession* and the *Prayer Chain*, you will have to lift up their name weekly at the beginning of worship verbally and fill out monthly a Prayer Request Card.



Pastor Mat

PRAYER REQUEST CARD
(Place in Offering Plate)

I request prayer for _____

My name _____ Date _____

Relationship _____

The situation for which I want prayer is: _____

Prayers will be offered for one month.
Please write prayers of thanksgiving on reverse side.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are dedicated by Cindy Frey in honor of the birth of her great niece, Claire Marino, and to the Glory of God

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 29, 8:00 am 20, 9:30 am 18 S.S. 5 **TOTAL 43**



CLASS ON THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IS SCHEDULED FOR, NOVEMBER 5, 8:45 AM BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Training in using the AED automated external defibrillator will take place on **Sunday, November 5 at 8:45** by Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad's Paramedic, L. Jay Colella.



LET'S MAKE THANKSGIVING MEALS!

It's Turkey Time! On **Sunday, November 5, at 10:40 a.m.**, following the late service, please pick up a serving spoon or fork in the fellowship hall and let's assemble some dinners to donate! They will be frozen, then delivered to **Caring for Friends** for distribution to people who depend on home visits due to illness, infirmity or other needs. If each of us spends a half hour scooping servings of food, we can complete a lot of meals in a short time! If you would like to minimize the cost of the food purchase, feel free to add a donation to our small roasting pan in the narthex.

Thank you for making Thanksgiving brighter for others! <https://caringforfriends.org/>





ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Elections will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Advent serves as a polling place for its neighboring community. Please vote for the candidates of your choice.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

We plan to meet on Saturdays Nov. 11 and on December 9. Menus are in the planning stage for each date, so it will be a surprise as to on which date we plan to have that old favorite, SOS. Coffee is always ready by 7:30

Dave



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 19 AT 10:15 AM

The congregational meeting to approve a budget for year 2024 and to nominate and elect members to Church Council will be held on Sunday, November 19 at 10:15 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Your attendance is important, as it is necessary that we have the required quorum of member voters. Thank you in advance for attending this important meeting! The meeting can be attended via Zoom

Meeting ID: 865 4045 3845 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540453845>



SUNDAY SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER

Our Sunday School students are now learning Bible lessons based on the Old Testament. The fun part is enjoying the creative videos and books in the Holy Moly curriculum! They present a clear understanding of each lesson as we work through them together. The other fun parts are music and crafts! On **November 19**, we will switch to New Testament lessons for four weeks, as Advent season approaches.

Please note: On November 19, Sunday School begins at **9:00 a.m.**, which coincides with the single worship service that day.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE IN DECEMBER

On Christmas Eve **December 24** and New Year's Eve **December 31**, there will be **no Sunday School class**. Class will resume on **January 7**.

SOCIAL MINISTRY



During the month of November, we will once again collect **gift cards** to support the families that come to the Warminster Food Bank. The cards may be in any amount that you prefer. The envelopes will once again have suggestions for area businesses that are local to our community. Please take an envelope for each card that you purchase. The envelopes will be available beginning in November in the red tin box on the same table as the offering plate.

Please return your envelopes by the end of November so they can be distributed during the month of December. Don't forget to mark the front of the envelopes so they may be distributed according to family needs.

Thank you for your continued support of the Warminster Food Bank and the families who depend on us every month. **120 pounds** of food have been taken to the Warminster Food Bank in Sept/October. Nancy Sclight/Social Ministry



PING PONG - TUESDAYS AT 6:30 CANCELLED 11/7 ELECTION DAY

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Cancelled for 11/7 because of Election Day.

Please call the church 215-355-2529 if you want to give it a try. (It helps to know how many tables to set up).



PRAISE BAND AND VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The Praise Band rehearses from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and the Vocal Choir from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to join; no prior experience is necessary. Please see Mike Dettra for more details.



THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, 7:00 PM via ZOOM

The study is on the book *Bonhoeffer* by John W. Matthews. From the Theology for Life Series, it is a brief overview of the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89632518358?pwd=Smg5dm1BaOVZamZjNG1YMko2MlVvdz09>
Meeting ID: 896 3251 8358 Passcode: 011905



STITCH CLUB ON SATURDAYS, 10 A.M.

Stitch club meets on, Saturdays at **10:00 a.m. to noon**. Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet or do needlepoint, this is for you!

The Stitch club items are **available throughout the year**. If you need any of the items made by the Stitch Club, i.e., blankets, hats, baby items, please contact Hanna McCollum, 215-262- 9032, or Jeff Jobes, 215-355-4149



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Advent's annual Christmas brunch will be held on **Sunday, December 3, 2023**, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after the 9:30 worship service. For those who are able, please bring hot or cold breakfast and/or lunch items to share with everyone. Suggestions include breakfast meats, pancakes, waffles, casseroles, vegetables, salads, pastry, breads, fruit, desserts, your favorite dish, or whatever you wish. These should be brought into the church kitchen prior to the 9:30 a.m. service. The oven in the kitchen will be available to warm up items and Advent will supply paper products, as well as hot and cold beverages. This event lasts about an hour. Festive live Christmas music will be provided by Advent's own talented musicians.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we can plan accordingly. All family members and friends are welcome to attend. Thank you!



ADVENT'S CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING-DECEMBER 3

We will be decorating the Christmas Tree in the narthex on **Sunday, December 3**, after the Brunch. All are invited to participate.



CHRISTMAS JAZZ CONCERT – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

The annual holiday concert will be held on **Friday evening, December 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.** under the direction of our organist and choir director, Michael Dettra. You can look forward to kicking off the holidays with an hour of relaxation and entertainment. Light refreshments will be served, and thank you for supporting Michael and his band.

POINSETTIA LIST



A sign-up sheet for dedicating poinsettias for Christmas Eve is on the table in the narthex. Please sign up by **December 17**. You can also call the office to leave your dedication. Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 7:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. The cost will be announced in the bulletins when we have received it.



YOUR INVITED TO PLAY IN THE PRAISE BAND OR SING WITH THE VOCAL CHOIR

Advent's Praise Band and Vocal Choir invite you to join them during the Advent season! Christmas music rehearsals begin on Wednesday, November 29. Praise Band rehearses from 6:30 to 7:15 pm, and the Vocal Choir from 7:15-8:00 p.m. Please see Mike Dettra for more details.



MANY WAYS OF SHARING FOOD

Thank you to all who have provided food and /or effort for our *Caring for Friends* meals throughout the year. We have received donations of hams, side dishes and dollars to buy turkey and more entrees and side dishes. Our knit/crochet group donates a large portion of bazaar sales to buy food. Add the next step: the many volunteers who work together to scoop servings of food into dinner trays put it all together. The meals reach the recipients who need them and the result is a wonderful way to work together to share the blessings God has given us. In October, **75 meals** were donated by Advent, composed largely of extra servings from both the spaghetti dinner and 60th Anniversary brunch, plus additional meals prepared by individuals at home.



A NOTE OF THANKS FOR FOOD SERVICE ITEMS

We appreciate the recent donation of an outdoor barbecue grill and many food service items, including a cooler, catering racks and trays, paper plates and towels, and plastic utensils, etc. from The Southampton Business Persons Association and the Southampton/Warminster Lions Club. We have already used a number of items for recent gatherings and look forward to using additional ones in the upcoming months. Many thanks to Megan Ward for arranging this donation and to her father and brother for bringing them over!



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2023 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication. Two bouquets are available each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. In addition to making the altar more beautiful, you take the flowers home after the late service to enjoy during the week. If you have any questions call Cindy Frey 267-205-0713.



NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please consider supporting our sister congregation, Nueva Creación Lutheran Church, which does vital ministry in North Philadelphia. A sign-up chart is on the table in the narthex near the entrance to the sanctuary.



DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the Food Bank’s most needed items is in the narthex or on the website www.warminsterfoodbank.org. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

RECYCLING CAN TABS FOR CHARITY IS A GREAT IDEA!



If you bring them in, we’ll drop them off. Look for marked containers in the narthex, located on the shelf above the coat rack. No cans, please – just tabs! The tab collection program began at **Ronald McDonald House Charities** of the Philadelphia Region in 1997. Since the inception of the program, **RMHC** has collected over 350 tons of tabs and over \$170,000! See

RMHCphilly.org.



THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY– NOVEMBER 5

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 8:45 am Automated External Defibrillator Training
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship: Open
- 10:40 am Making Thanksgiving Meals – Caring for Friends
- 10:45 am Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 7:30 pm A.A. Open Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 7:00 am to 8:00 pm Election Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 6:30-7:15 Praise Band Practice
- 7:15-8:00 Vocal Choir Practice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 7:30 pm A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 am – noon Stitch Club

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – NOVEMBER 12

Recognition of Veterans

- 8:00 am Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion
Sunday School age 4 – grade 6
- 10:30 am Fellowship: Open
- 10:45 am Church Council meeting