

St. Francis Anglican Church Order for Confirmation

December 8, 2019

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Processional Hymn: *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

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The Celebrant says the following:

Bishop: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

Bishop: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People: **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Bishop: Your old men shall dream dreams,

People: **And your young men shall see visions.**

Bishop: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People: **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**

Bishop: And it shall come to pass

People: **That everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Romans 15:4-13

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name." ¹⁰ Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him." ¹² And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

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Celebrant: (+) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” ⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with ^[c] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

Rt. Rev. Quigg Lawrence

The Presentation, Exhortation and Examination

Presenter: Right Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop: Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenter: They have.

Bishop: Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed in this Church must publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciple; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God’s grace is imparted in baptism where we are made God’s children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God’s people for the sake of the world. Now, these candidates here desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?
Candidates: I renounce them.
Bishop: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?
Candidates: I do.
Bishop: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
Candidates: I do.
Bishop: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?
Candidates: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **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 to the dead. 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.**
Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **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.**
Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Anthem *Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)*

arranged by John Michael Talbot

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we ask you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them the gift of your grace and the fruit of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

Each confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, shall pray

Defend, O Lord, this your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People: Amen.

For Reception

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant N., whom we recognize as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and receive into the fellowship of this Communion. Empower *him* for your service, and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

People: Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

Announcements

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. *Amen.*

"Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might,
great God, our King."

Offertory Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

The celebrant continues:

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus (sung by the congregation)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are 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.

Prayer of Consecration (*the people may kneel*)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me" Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us (+) also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

The 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.*

The Prayer of Humble Access (*Celebrant and People together*)

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world
Give us your peace, Give us your peace

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*the people may kneel*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Blessing (+)

Closing Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,
 1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
 5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.
 1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;
 4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

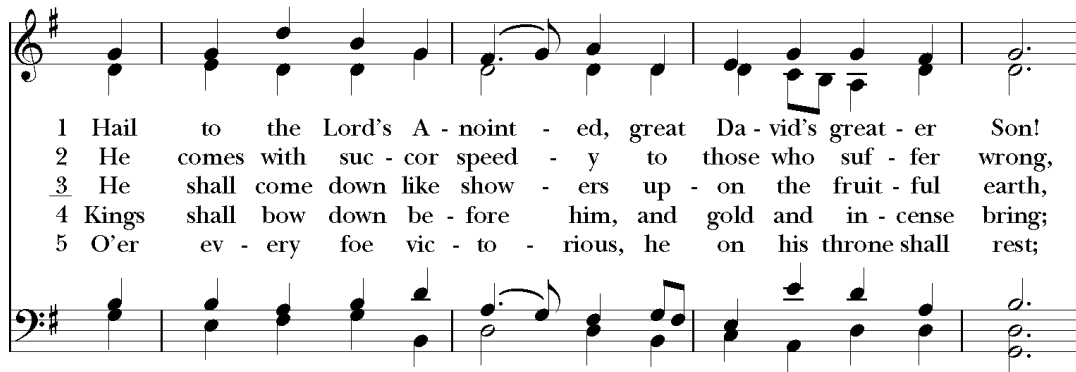
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O come, O come, Emmanuel

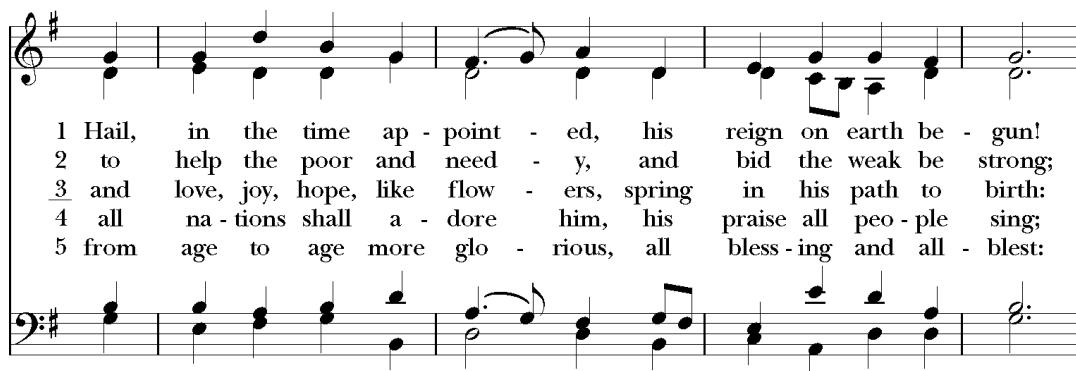
O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



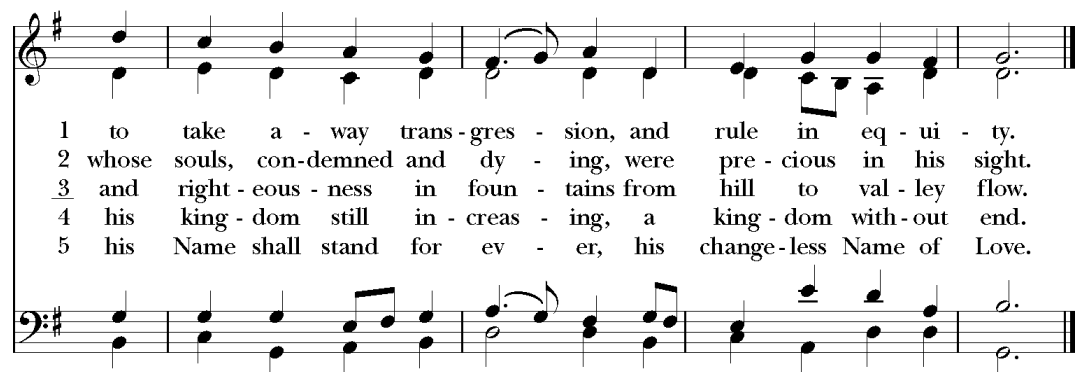
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein klies Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Announcements

Sunday School - All classes will meet today.

Check out – Look for Bob Nelson’s slide show at coffee hour.

Choir Practice – No choir practice today.

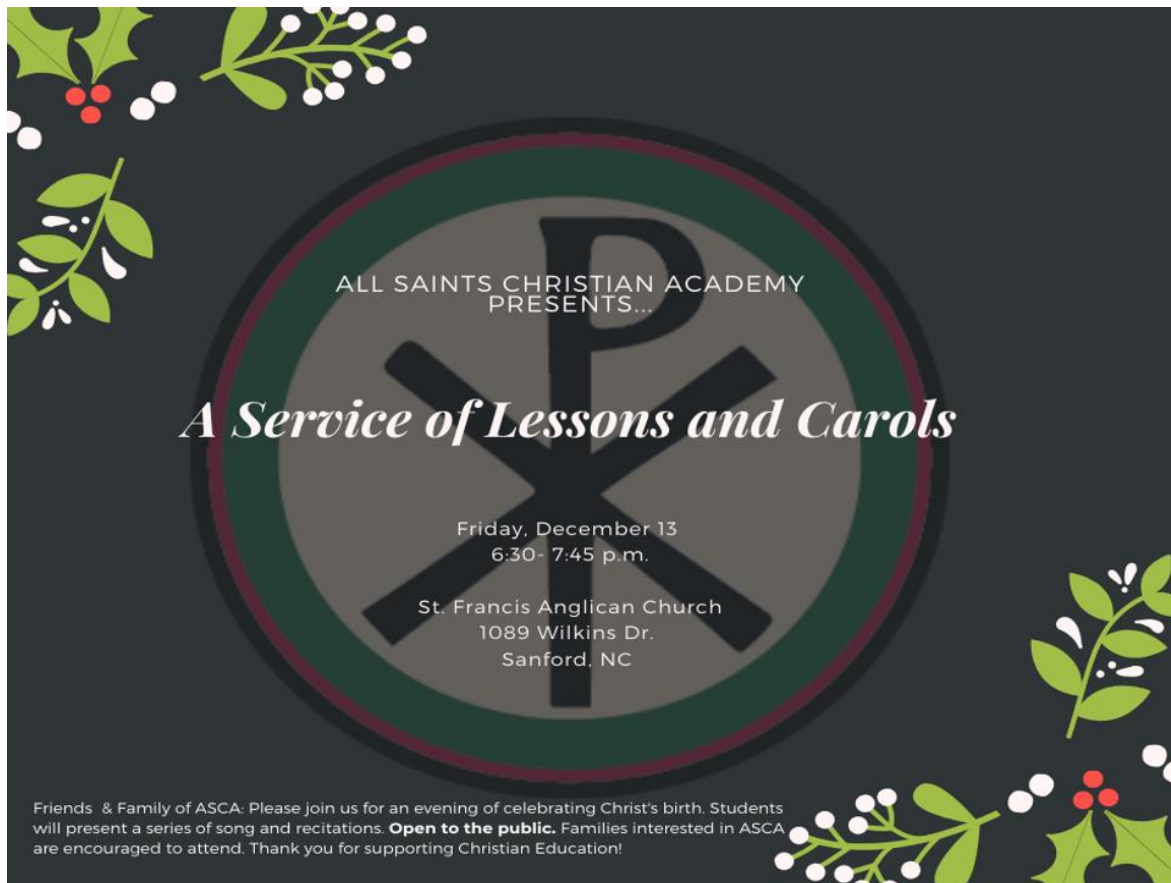
Youth Group - Will be selling Christmas gift items after church today to raise money for gifts for residents of Oak Haven. Thank you so much for your support of these ministries!

Men’s Group – Will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 9, 2019 at Jon Kerley’s house.

Holy Eucharist – Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 11:30 am.

Advent Series – Wednesdays, December 11 and 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Next Man Up – Will meet on December 14, 2019 at 7:30 am.



St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:

*Sandy West
Martha Connolly
*Helen Frechette
*Paul Dempster
Dennis Wicker
Kris
Billie Edwards
Larry Wicker
Mabel M.
Lisa Anne Callis
James Cox
*Ted Lawrence
*Ann Hodges
Sallie Daughtrey

Brent Jackson
*Mackenzie Stinson
Jo Maddox
Donna Norman
Brent Sloan
Aiden Hague
Claudia Key
RD Carson
Ed McCoy
Chad Blackwelder
*Derrick Smith
Mina Townsend
Robyn Milano
Tim Young
Brent Jackson
*Member of St. Francis

Chase Serry
*Betty Pittman
*Karen Tatum
Joe Lawrence
Murray Ingerham
Tommy McDonald
*Harriett Tice
*Charles Wick
Marjorie J
Joann Duke
Linda McCaskle
Gordon Caldwell
Tom Daughtrey
Dan Abernathy
*Lew Andersen

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list contact Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at suectrace@gmail.com.

Pray for strength and divine guidance: Marcia and Tony Swanson, Jason, Shannon, Cindy and Joseph.

Pray for those serving all over the world in our military: Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Brian Gille, George Walter, Jim Makepeace, Rick Smith, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos, Eliza, Josh Pratt, Greg, Ben Gumpston, Jeremy, Lucas Rees, Daniel Hardin, Jared Oldham, Noah Gibson, Nick Stavlund, Jason Williams, Fortune Egbulefu, James Rozak, Logan Peterson, Levi Whiteman, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar are given by Edie Makepeace to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband James and their three children Jim, Martha and John.

Pray for the departed: Nathan Ledicotte, Bertie Ward, Fred Von Canon, Lyman Seymore, Joseph Smith, Robert Clark, Doris Wolff, Louise Tuller, Barbara Falck.

Those serving today:

Ushers: Jimmy Washburn and Mark Mahaffey
Chalice Bearers: Marty and Linda Pate
Lector: Isabel Lawrence
Acolytes: Morgan Gille and Kaleb Gordon
Coffee Hour: Susan Lewis and Karen Tatum
Nursery: Katie Kerley and Susan Keller
Music Director: Audrey Hanna
Organist: Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild: Linda Bruce, Mary Ann Dusenbury, Emily Hewett and Charlene Jeffries

Vestry

Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Clerk, Marty Pate, Senior Warden
Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn, Junior Warden
Through 2022: Oliver Crawley, Joe Hanna, Beth Puckett
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