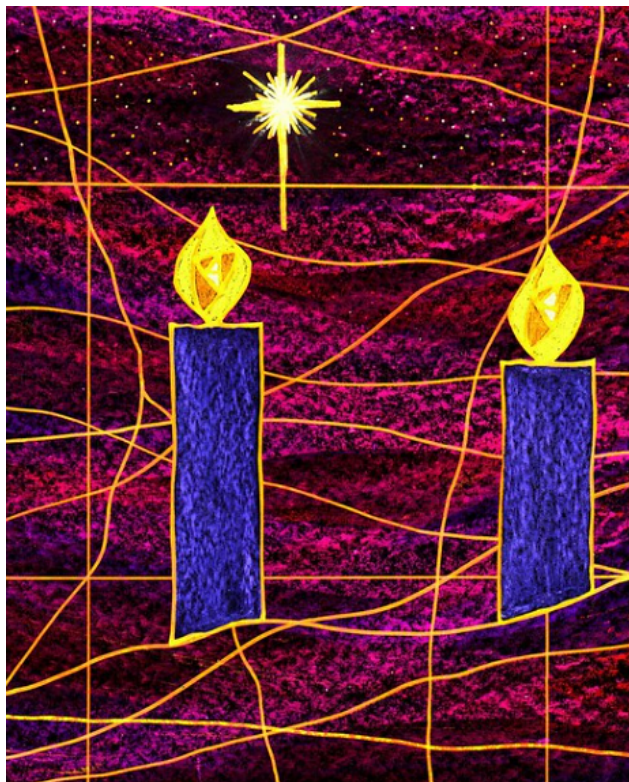


# Welcome to



**Repent,  
for the  
kingdom  
of heaven  
is near.**

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 3-4, 2022

## **ADVENT**

The word "Advent" derives from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming." The season of Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the advent or coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, leading up to the celebration of Christmas and the mystery of Christ's incarnation. While preparation for the humble birth of Jesus is undoubtedly a focus of the season, Advent is equally focused on the second coming of Christ, inviting the faithful to reflective preparation for the coming reign of God. Advent is characterized by expectant restraint, which is reflected in the music, Scripture, and prayers of the liturgy.



## Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church The Second Sunday of Advent

**The Weekend of December 3-4 | 6pm, 8am and 10am**

Welcome to Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family! We are glad to have you worship with us today. If you are a newcomer, please complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so we can extend our welcome beyond this service. Additional information about Saint Benedict's and our ministries may be found online at [www.saintbenedicts.org](http://www.saintbenedicts.org). Rite I (Sunday 8:00am) of The Holy Eucharist begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); responses for this service are in **red**. Rite II (Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am), on page 355 (BCP). Congregational responses for all services are found in **bold**. The music for the service is taken from the blue Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and the red, green, and black hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Please stand at the introduction of hymns. Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist.

### THE GATHERING

#### Organ Voluntary

*First Religious Suite for Organ by Pietro Yon*  
*I. Introit: Veni Emmanuel*

*The congregation stands as the procession moves to the altar*

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The Celebrant prays:* Blessed Lord, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen. **Amen.**

#### The Opening Hymn 56

*Merton*



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-pec-ted, 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, glor-y, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,



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

#### The Opening Acclamation

+ Blessed are You, Holy and living One.

**You come to your people and set them free.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity:* 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.**

Leader All Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Leader All Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Leader All Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

### At the Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us pray.

**\*(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

*The celebrant prays:* Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name forever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

**A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

*Romans 15:4-13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**1 O Day of Peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.**

**2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

### **At the Holy Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1-12)

**+ Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

BCP pg. 358

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for Peter our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Let us pray for the Church of God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people. Let us pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison. Let us pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him. Let us pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Let us pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*The ministers continue with prayers for our community, nation, world, and those celebrating birthdays.*

**Confession of Sin** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*please kneel as you are able, said by all:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Please greet your neighbor according to social distancing guidelines*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Saint Benedict's work of sharing God's love with the world. Please be generous - we count on your support year-round. Text "give7801" to 1-888-364-4483. You may also make a secure donation online at our website [www.Saintbenedicts.org](http://www.Saintbenedicts.org) or via the Saint Benedict's app.*

## THE LORD'S TABLE

### Choral Anthem (10 am)

*Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree by Elizabeth Poston*

### Presentation Hymn

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*The service continues with Rite I on p. 333, Rite II on p. 361 (BCP)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### **\*(8:00am Rite I):**

The Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

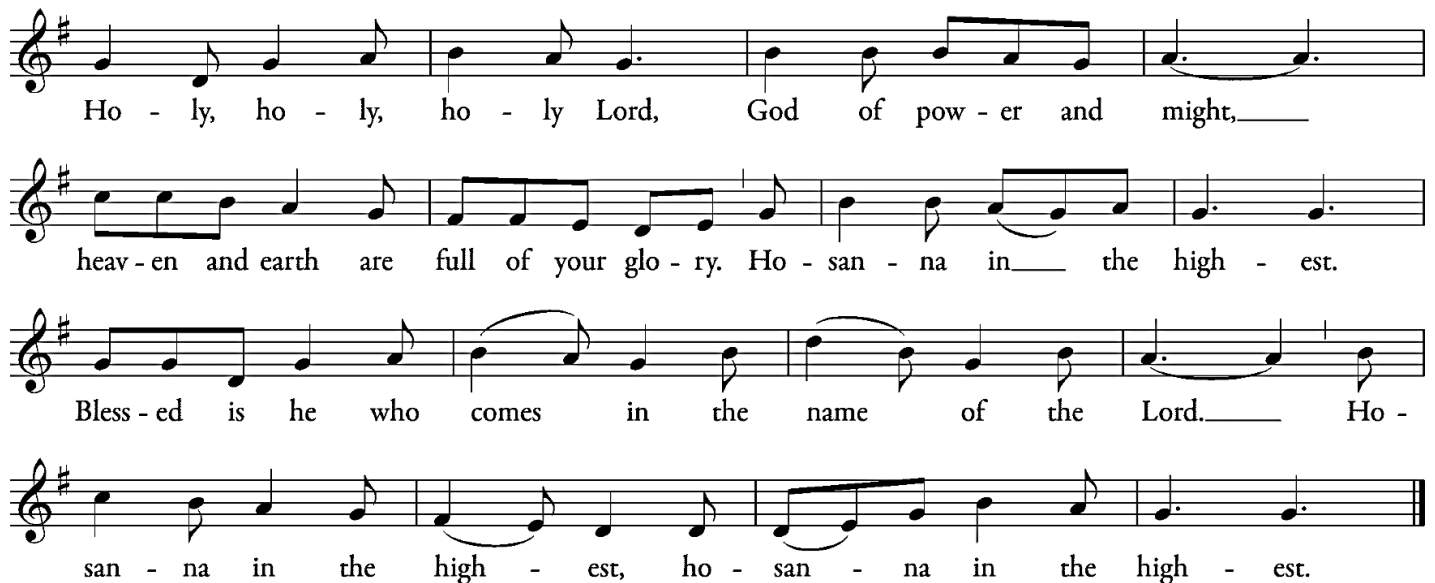
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:*

**\*(8:00am Rite I): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. +Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,\_\_\_\_

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in\_\_\_\_ the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, to which the congregation responds: **Christ Has Died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again, and sings: Amen.***

### The Lord's Prayer

by Albert Hay Malotte



## The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

*The bread is broken. Silence is kept.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### Agnus Dei

*Cantor*

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:  
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,  
3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1. 2. *All* have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. *All* grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### Communion Hymn LEVAS 6

*Christ is Coming*

#### The Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*(8:00am Rite I):** Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE SENDING FORTH

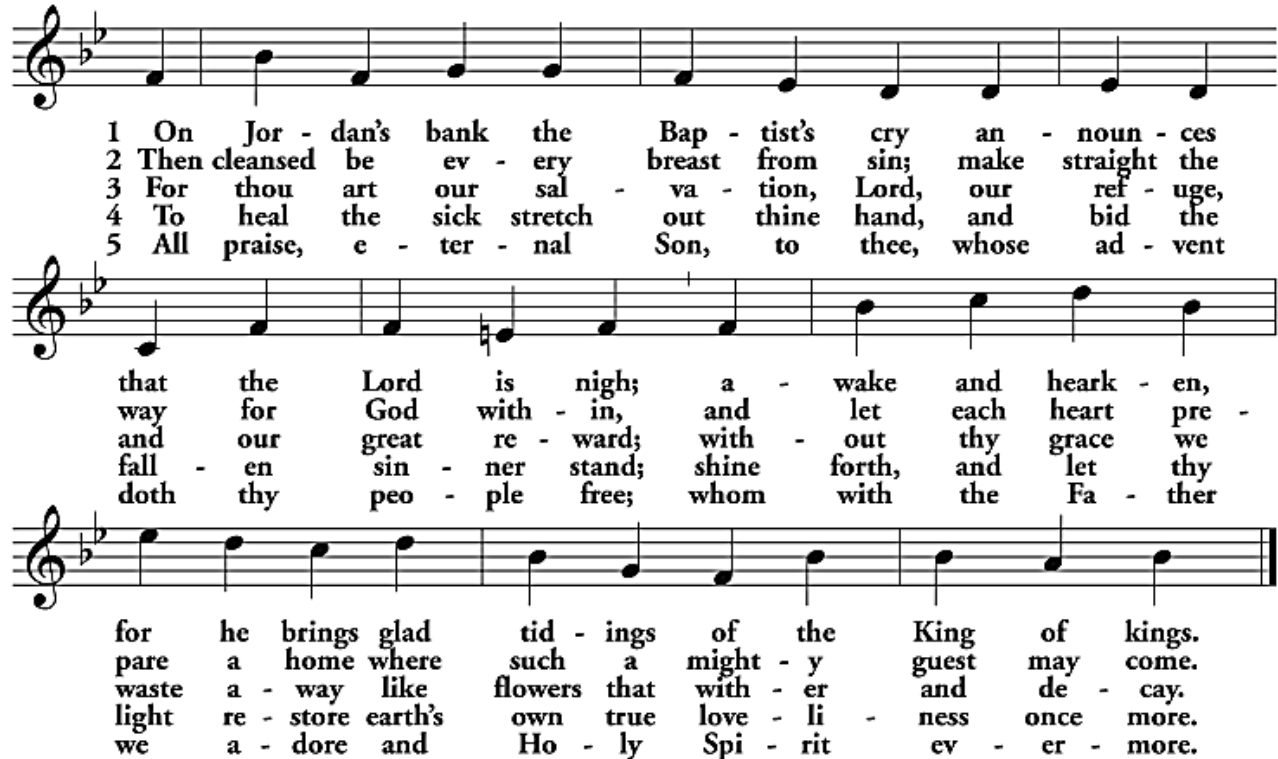
The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**\*(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy spirit.**

### The Final Blessing +

#### At the Recessional, Hymn 67

Winchester New



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge,  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and each heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
and our great re - ward; with out thy grace we  
fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

### The Dismissal

As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Organ Voluntary

*First Religious Suite for Organ by Pietro Yon  
V. Toccata on the Gregorian Hymn: Creator alme siderum*

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAINT BENEDICT'S?**

## **December 3-4**

**THANK YOU!:** The family of the late Vivienne Dawn McGibbon would like to thank our St. Benedict's Family, especially Father Albert and Deacon Debra for your prayers, love and support during Dawn's illness, passing and our continued period of grief.

**SIGN UP FOR BREEZE:** Please sign up for Breeze and get ready for the switch from Subsplash to Breeze. As of December 31, 2022, we will no longer be using Subsplash. If you have not already signed up, please do so as soon as possible.

### **UNITED THANK OFFERING**

**INGATHERING:** United Thank Offering Ingathering 2022 will take place on December 3 and 4, 2022. Father Albert will bless your donations. Please make checks out to St. Benedict's Church with "UTO" in the note area of the check. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this beautiful ministry.

### **CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS THURSDAY,**

**7PM:** Calling all choristers and individuals interested in joining this area of ministry this holiday season. Please join us in the Lady Chapel for choir rehearsal. Sight-readers are welcome. For more info, please see Xavier Richardson, Director of Music and Organist or email [zavirich@gmail.com](mailto:zavirich@gmail.com).

### **CALLING ALL CHILDREN INTERESTED**

**IN SINGING:** Join the Saint Benedict's Boys and Girls Choir in preparation for the Christmas season! We rehearse with choristers each Thursday at 6 pm in the church. For more information, please contact Xavier Richardson, Director of Music and Organist at [zavirich@gmail.com](mailto:zavirich@gmail.com) or see him after one of our weekend services.

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD:**

Our weekly operating budget is \$10,000, and none of our fixed expenses have changed during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please be as generous as you can be in your regular pledging and offerings. God bless you:

**Operating: \$5,422.00**

**Building: \$3,990.00**

**Online Giving: \$2,775.00**

**Total: \$12,187.00**



## SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA – WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

*Our mission is to know Christ's love and to make His love known.*

*Nuestra misión es conocer el amor de Cristo y darlo a conocer*

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### **SATURDAYS**

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (*"Dog-friendly" Service*)

#### **SUNDAYS**

8:00 AM (*Rite I*), 10:00 AM (*Rite II*), 12:00 PM (*Misa en español*) Holy Eucharist

#### **TUESDAYS**

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

Healing Mass and Litany 7:00 PM

Bible Study 7:30 PM

#### **THURSDAYS**

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

### OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

*The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector*

*The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon*

*Mr. Xavier W. Richardson, Director of Music & Organist*

*Ms. Wendy Williams, Parish Administrator*

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