



Saint Benedict's Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 6 and 7 2025 | 6pm, 8am, 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. The people's responses can be found in **BOLD**. The music for the service is taken from The Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). Let us prepare our hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, the Risen Lord.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I of The Holy Eucharist begins on **page 323** of the Book of Common Prayer - and Rite II begins on **page 355**.

Processional Hymn

***(6pm Cursillo)**

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding
Great is the Lord

Hymnal 59

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

"God Is Near"

*Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.*

During Advent we recall God's promises spoken to us long ago.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.

During Advent we anticipate promises yet to unfold.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.

During Advent we recall God's mighty deeds from ages past.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.

During Advent we anticipate mighty deeds yet to come.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.

Candle Lighting

Today we light the **second candle**. The **second candle** invites us to recall the mighty deeds God has performed throughout the ages, and to recognize the marvelous ways God is at work today. As we continue our Advent journey let us hear what God has spoken and believe what God has promised.

*Listen to the angels, hear the message they bring;
Telling the news of a coming King;
Filling the world with hope and good cheer.
Jesus Emmanuel, God is near!*

Prayer

Gracious Lord, we thank you that your word never changes and your promises never fail. In faith we know that everything you have spoken about will come to pass. Yet like your people of old, we often struggle during times of waiting. As we cast our faith in your unfailing promises, enable us to also trust the timing of your response. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.**

Kyrie for Advent Season (*Haugen*)

Celebrant Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

People **Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison**

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. *(8 am) And with thy spirit.

Celebrant 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 for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of 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. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, judicium*

(10am ~ Sung by the Choir)

- 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 for ever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
 Amen. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 13:11-14

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

Sequence Hymn

Seek Ye First

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 And His righteousness;
 And all these things shall be added unto you.
 Hallelu, Hallelujah!*
*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
 Seek, and you shall find.
 Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
 Hallelu, Hallelujah!*
*Man shall not live by bread alone,
 But by every word
 That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
 Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 3:1-12

People **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."

Sermon

Father Albert Cutié, Rector

The 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People (Form I)

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 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 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 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.**

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

We pray for our partner churches, St. Michael and All Angels in Madagascar, and our missionary Jacky.

Today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember the Church of Bangladesh.

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week...

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

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you. *(8 am): And with thy spirit.**

Announcements by the Rector

*An offering is now taken for the work of the parish. Please be generous – We count on your support all year!
Feel free to make a secure donation ONLINE www.saintbenedicts.org and go to “Online giving “or give by clicking on
the QR CODE below... God bless you for your generous support!*



Offertory Hymn

***(Cursillo 6pm)**

On Jordon's bank the Baptist's cry
Just a closer walk with thee

Hymnal 76
LEVAS 72

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

***(8 am)** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

***(8 am)** We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***(8 am)** It is meet and right so to do.

Preface

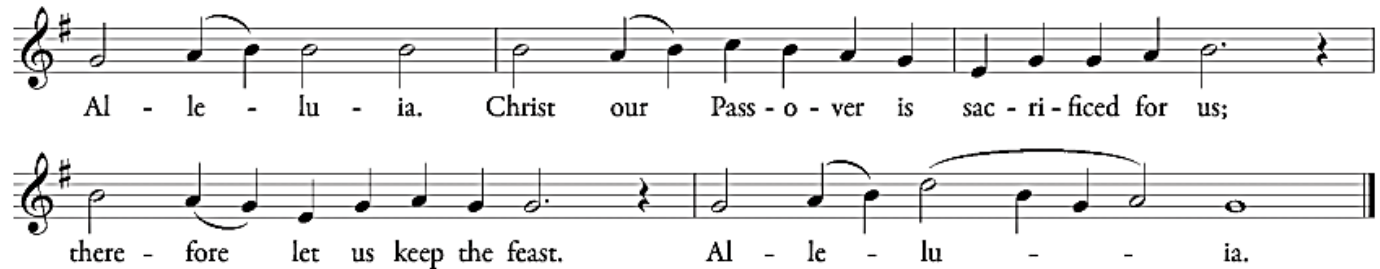
Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

Douglas Major (b. 1953)



Agnus Dei

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us Thy peace.

***(8 am – optional at 6 pm and 10 am)** Prayer of Humble Access

All 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

***(6pm Cursillo)**

Let thy blood in mercy poured
Let us break bread together

Hymnal 313
LEVAS 152

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 am Rite I)**

Almighty and everliving 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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn

***(6pm Cursillo)**

When we all get to heaven
Spirit Song

LEVAS 20

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10am Service

ALL children and youth are WELCOME to participate in this year's exciting program



The Angel Tree is in the Narthex

The Mission Team will be available to assist with posting an angel for someone in need or in providing you with an angel that you can get the identified gift for.

This is an awesome opportunity to help make someone's Christmas brighter

Please return gifts by December 21 to ensure timely delivery



UTO Ingathering 2025

Sunday, December 7, 2025 – Your donations will be blessed at the 10am service
A heartfelt thank you for your prayers and donations for the United Thank Offering Ministry

The Second Coming of Christ

Please join us for a three-week study

Beginning Friday, December 5 at 9am and Monday, December 8 at 7pm



Christmas Flowers and Music

Consider honoring a loved one by donating towards the Christmas Flowers/Music

Please place the completed form along with your check in the Offering Plate

The deadline is Monday, December 15, 2025



The Greening of the Church Sunday, December 14 | 10am service

Christmas Carols, Decorating the Church (Wreaths, Garlands, Lights, and Christmas Trees)

Please wear your festive holiday attire

Please join us Saturday, December 13 | 9am – 11am | Pre-decorating the church



Friends in Faith Luncheon

Monday, December 15 | 12 noon | Deshaies Hall

Tickets are available for sale in the Narthex after all of the services

All are welcome, but tickets need to be purchased in advance

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING TO GOD

Operating \$5,935
Building Maintenance \$1,753
Total \$7,688



Christmas Festivities at Saint Benedict's

Sunday, December 7	3:00pm	Caroling at Covenant Village (Meet at 2:30pm to carpool from Church)
Friday, December 12	5:30pm	Caroling in front of the Church
Friday, December 12	6pm	"Lightening Up St. Benedict's" Turning on the Lights!/Walking the Labyrinth/Musical Presentations & Caroling (There will be a slide for the children along with cotton candy and hot chocolate)
Sunday, December 14	10am	Greening of the Church
Thursday, December 18	10am	Delivering Christmas to The Seafarers' House
Thursday, December 18	5pm	Caroling in front of the Church
Friday, December 19	6pm	Parish Appreciation Party - Deshaies Hall Everyone is invited!

SAINT BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DIOCESE OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA – ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Our mission is to know Christ's love, and to make it known

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**

MONDAYS

Bible Study 7:00 PM (Rector's Conference Room)

TUESDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

Healing Mass and Litany 7:00 PM

THURSDAYS

Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM

FRIDAY

Bible Study 9:00 AM (Rector's Conference Room)

The Reverend Albert R. Cutié, Rector

The Reverend Debra McLaughlin, Deacon

Ms. Linda Schlepp-Gray, Parish Administrator

Mr. Ashworth Matthews, Organist and Choirmaster

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