



December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite One

*Welcome to*  
St. David's Episcopal Church

# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee** (*Hymn to Joy*)

**Hymnal 376**

1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2) All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3) Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**BCP 355**

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*The following is said, all standing*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**The Collect**

**BCP 357**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

**Old Testament:**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
*because the LORD has anointed me;*

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
*to bind up the brokenhearted,*

to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
*and release to the prisoners;*

<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
*and the day of vengeance of our God;*  
*to comfort all who mourn;*

<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
*to give them a garland instead of ashes,*

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
*the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.*

They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
*the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.*

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
*they shall raise up the former devastations;*

they shall repair the ruined cities,  
*the devastations of many generations.*

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
*I hate robbery and wrongdoing;*

I will faithfully give them their recompense,

*and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.*

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
*and their offspring among the peoples;*

all who see them shall acknowledge  
*that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
*my whole being shall exult in my God;*

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
*he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,*

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
*and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
*and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,*

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
*to spring up before all the nations.*

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 15**

*The Song of Mary – Magnificat*

**Luke 1:46-55**

<sup>46</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

<sup>48</sup>*for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

<sup>49</sup>*the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his  
Name.*

<sup>50</sup>He has mercy on those who fear him \*

*in every generation.*

<sup>51</sup>He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
*he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

<sup>52</sup>He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
*and has lifted up the lowly.*

<sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
*and the rich he has sent away empty.*

<sup>54</sup>He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
*for he has remembered his promise of mercy,*

<sup>55</sup>The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
*to Abraham and his children for ever.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## New Testament

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Thessalonica.

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord** (*Birmingham*) **Hymnal 437**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age the same;  
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

## **The Holy Gospel:**

**John 1:6-8,19-28**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
                         to John.

*People*         Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.”

<sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.”  
“Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.”

<sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

<sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?”

<sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.”

<sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon: the Rev. Jeff Wallace**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

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**

**BCP 328**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; Jeff, our priest; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Heavenly Father, give grace for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, especially St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in St. Stephen, SC; The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church, St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare staff and families.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and Andy, our mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially:

*(Please see the Prayer List insert.)*

We remember also our shut-ins, chronically ill, and those who live alone, and any you wish to name aloud or in your heart.

*Members of the congregation may add their own petitions or thanksgivings.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Henry Kissinger, Sandra Day O'Conner, and Maggie Sanders; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. David and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

**BCP 330**

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins

and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath  
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and  
true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you  
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring  
you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh  
you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end  
that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## **The Peace**

**BCP 360**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

### **Offertory Hymn**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, vv.1-4** (*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*) **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.

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

3) 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!

4) 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!

## The Great Thanksgiving

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*And of thine own have we given thee.*

### Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy**

*(Merbecke) (BCP 334)*

**S 113**

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be  
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

**BCP 334**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world;

and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

“Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty,

with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;



rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;

most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee;

humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ,

be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction,

and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

**BCP 336**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 337**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

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.***

*The Celebrant says*

**BCP 338**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Communion at St. David's, regardless of denomination or where you find yourself in your spiritual journey. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when you come up to the altar, and the priest or Eucharistic minister will offer you a simple blessing.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

**BCP 339**

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

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 priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

**A mighty fortress is our God** (*Ein feste Burg*)

**H 687**

- 1) A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.
- 2) Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his Name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.
- 3) And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us;  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us;  
the prince of darkness grim,

we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

4) That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is for ever.

## Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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## Announcements:

◆ Our friends from the **Cheraw Mennonite Church Youth Group** will hold their **Annual Christmas Singing Program** in our sanctuary at 6:00 pm on December 17 (*tonight!*). Come give them a warm welcome and hear some gorgeous *a cappella* singing.

◆ Would you like to make a donation toward St. David's Christmas Flower Fund? Pick up a card on Sunday or stop by the church office and reserve your **Christmas Poinsettias** for the Christmas season. We'll use the poinsettias to decorate the church, and you can then take yours home following the Christmas Eve service.

◆ Our **Christmas Eve service** will be at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. We will not have a morning service, nor a service on Christmas Day. So, come join us in worship on the evening of Christmas Eve.

◆ On **New Year's Eve** we will have a special **Lessons & Carols** service in place of our regular service; 10:30am, December 31. Come worship and sing with us!

◆ St. David's members should have received a letter regarding the **Stewardship Campaign**. Pledge cards and Estate Planning brochures were also included. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so by placing it in the offering tray or by mailing it to the Church. If you have questions about parish finances, Phil Powell can help.

◆ Join us for our **Conversational Social Time** between Sunday School and our service, and again following the service. We'll enjoy a light snack and pleasant chat in the Chapel. This will also help preserve the quiet of the Sanctuary.

◆ St. David's **Sunday School Bible Study** meets at 9:30am in the Chapel Library. We're studying the first seven chapters of 1st Samuel. Class starts at 9:30 and we finish by 10:10, so you have time to visit in the Chapel.

◆ St. David's Daycare & Preschool has great long-sleeve **Tee-Shirts** available. They come in sizes from 2T to 3XL. What an incredible Christmas Gift! See Jimmy Carol Avent for more information.

◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County **FoodShare** program, which makes fresh produce available to local citizens at reasonable cost. Contact Lobie Hammond or the Church Office to volunteer to help out. Our next delivery day is: Order by **Monday, 12/18/2023**.....pick up on **Thursday, 12/21/2023**



**ST. DAVID'S**  
**Episcopal Church**  
CHERAW, SOUTH CAROLINA

Welcome!

Regardless of whether or not you regularly attend here, we are happy to have you as one of us today! Feel free to come up close, and kneel before our Lord's altar and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. All Baptized Christians, regardless of denomination (or status as Protestant or Roman Catholic) are welcome here, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you need a gluten-free wafer, then please indicate this to one of the ushers.

Of course, if you prefer to remain seated during Eucharist, we are fine with that as well. We merely hope that your experience with us today is divinely positive and truly meaningful.

As Priest-in-Charge, I would be glad for us to have a conversation during the coffee hour or to have a scheduled appointment for another time. I love answering questions about why we do what we do and about who we are as Episcopalians. If you have a confidential matter to voice, I can be trusted as a priest and as a certified grief counselor.

Again, I am very happy that you have chosen to be with us this day. Feel free to contact me personally. On Sunday afternoons, I am only available for pastoral emergencies.

Blessings, Father Jeff+

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