

WE GATHER

Voluntary	Bill Ducworth, Organist/Choirmaster	
Introit	<i>Prepare the way</i>	Godspell
Procession	<i>There's a voice in the wilderness</i>	Hymn# 75
The Liturgy Begins	Book of Common Prayer 355	
Song of Praise	Old Scottish Chant	

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord
Thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day: 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.

WE LISTEN

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11
Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.



Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Gospel Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel
vs. 1,2,3

Hymn #56

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Sermon

The Rev. Jack Hardaway

WE RESPOND

The Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People Form VI
The Peace
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book of Common Prayer p. 358
Book of Common Prayer p. 392
Book of Common Prayer p. 360

WE OFFER UP

The Offertory Anthem *People look East*
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B Book of Common Prayer p. 367
"Holy, Holy, Holy" *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory; Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. A-men.*

The Lord's Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

The Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

WE ARE FED

The Communion Hymns *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray* Hymn #315
Prepare the way Hymn #65

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Margie Osburn and Evelyn Jones that they may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup

The Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer p. 366

The Blessing

The Procession

Herald, sound the note of judgment

Hymn #70

WE ARE SENT OUT

The Sending Forth

Book Common Prayer p. 366

ANNOUNCEMENTS**St. Catherine's Guild**

The ladies of St. Catherine's will meet on Monday, December 5, 2011 at noon for their Annual Holiday Dinner. The meeting will take place at the home of Dena Cullen, 211 Canebrake Drive in Anderson at Noon. All ladies should bring a dish to share and stocking stuffers for our homebound. Hostess will provide the turkey and drinks. We will have a short meeting, then food, fun and festivities. All ladies are welcome. Questions, call Dena Cullen at (864) 222-9425.

EPISCOPAL CHRISTIANITY: meets at 9 AM in parish library. For anyone interested in learning more about the Christian Faith, parish membership, Baptism or Confirmation. The current class concludes today. The next class begins January 29th.

The "R" word discussion continues in the parlor.

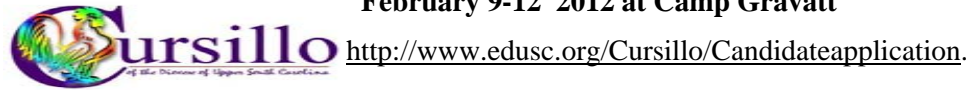
ADVENT: THE ART OF GOD'S KINGDOM



Come see the Water of Life exhibit in the Parish Hall.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT CURSILLO!!!

February 9-12 2012 at Camp Gravatt



Wednesday Night Supper—December 7th, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts with liquid refreshments. Everyone bring your favorite dish to share with others as well as copies of your recipe to share. For those who do not bring a dish, a donation would be appreciated.

Please sign up for the Children's pageant in the children's classrooms. The pageant will be Christmas Eve at 5:00pm.

EYC- Will meet at the church on **December 11th at 3:30—6:00 pm** to go Christmas Caroling. **December 16-17** Christmas Celebration at The Campbell's Home in Cashiers.

Godly Play will meet **December 4th, 11th and 18th.**

Those Who Serve:

- Vestry:** Ellie Cooper **Lectors:** John Woodson, Samantha Colman
- Intercessor/Chalice Bearer:** Sara Cheek, Jo Zeffiro
- Presenters:** David and Donna deHoll
- Ushers:** Don Colman, Lawrence Campbell, Ken Cheek, Jeff Ricketson
- Lay Eucharist Visitor:** Jo Zeffiro
- 1st Crucifer:** William Woodson **Server:** Lillian Hardaway
- Torchbearers:** Caroline Woodson, Lawren Campbell
- Linen Guild:** Pat Larsen **Altar Guild:** Pat Larsen, Elizabeth Thro
- Coffee Hour Hospitality:** Lacreacia & Buddy Bilbrey
- Newcomer Ministry:** Jo Zeffiro, Bill Albergotti

**Christmas
Flowers and Greens**

Please complete and return to the parish office no later than **December 12.** The minimum suggested donation is \$20. If you would like to give one of the door wreaths, the suggested donation is \$25.00

Given to the Glory of God and in:

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Given by _____

Amount enclosed _____

This Week's Events December 4-10		
Sunday	8:00 am	HE Rite I
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Episcopal Christianity
	10:00 am	HE Rite II with Choir
	10:30-11:30ish	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	HE Rite II with music and hymns
Monday	12:00	St. Catherine's Lunch
Tuesday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Eucharist & Healing Feast of Ambrose
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	12:00 Noon	Men's Prayer Group



Book of Kells, Mark's Gospel 800 AD

THE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS...

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10:00 A.M.
December 4, 2011
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Grace Church!

We invite your participation in our life and ministry. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate so we can contact you. All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to share in Holy Communion. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. *Hold your outstretched hands to receive the bread. Please help guide the chalice to your lips.* If you do not desire to receive the sacrament, please cross your arms across your chest, indicating you desire a blessing. Thank you for worshiping with us!