

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit  
Lebanon, New Jersey  
Welcomes You

First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024



**Prelude**

**Now come, Saviour of the heathen, J.S. Bach**  
*(transcribed for piano by Ferruccio Busoni)*

**Gathering Hymn - Saviour of the nations, come.**  
*All stand as they are able*

**Hymnal 54**

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.*

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

**Advent I**

*As the prayer is read, one purple candle is lit.*

**Presider**

Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. We who have sat in darkness have seen a great light, the light of Jesus Christ, our salvation. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*Isaiah 60:2-3*

**Presider** Almighty God,

**All** *to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Gloria**

**Book of Common Prayer 324/356**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

**Prayer for Advent I**

**Book of Common Prayer 211**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life

immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Prayer in a Time of Transition

Ever-loving God, look graciously on the people of Holy Spirit. We need your strong arm. Endow our lay leaders with wisdom & grace. Bless and inspire our transition clergy. Keep us aware that this can be a time to grow & discern new paths. Above all, by the radiance of your light, summon the right person as our new Rector to proclaim the Gospel, administer the Sacraments, and equip us to be Christ's heart, hands, and feet, to your honor and glory. Amen

*All sit for the readings.*

## First Reading

## Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah  
 People *Speak, Lord for your servants are listening.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
 People *Let it be unto us according to your Word*

## Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
 my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
 let me not be humiliated,  
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**The Epistle****1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

Reader A Reading from the Book of Thessalonians  
People *Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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**Gospel Hymn – O heavenly Word, eternal light**  
*All stand as they are able.*

**Hymnal 64**

**Holy Gospel****Luke 21:25-36**

Deacon: The Gospel according to John

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.***Sermon****The Rev. Andrew Calandriello****The Nicene Creed****Book of Common Prayer 326/358***All stand as they are able.***Prayers of the People**

**Deacon:** The Lord will come and will not keep silent, gathering us into the kingdom of his love. In anticipation of the one who saves, we offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

+ Architect of creation, channel our vision, that the perplexities and distresses of this age may call forth our creative response as we await the age to come; for this we pray.

*Come, Lord Jesus.*

+ Physician of the sick, assist those who suffer from diseases that ravage body and soul (especially\_\_\_\_\_), enlighten the understandings of research scientists, and guide us into models of effective health care for all people; for this we pray.

*Come, Lord Jesus*

+ Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, that we may be signs of hope to the hungry, the homeless, and all who live with unrelenting fear and anxiety; for this we pray.

*Come, Lord Jesus*

+ Eternal Wisdom, pour upon the leaders of Church and state the wise judgment needed in these challenging times, and awaken them to the truth and power of your word; for this we pray.

*Come, Lord Jesus.*

+ Holy Lord, keep us awake to the signs that are placed before us, strengthen us in our life of prayer and devotion, and give us the integrity to stand firm in your presence; for this we pray.

*Come, Lord Jesus.*

+ Gracious God, be with those who have died in the faith, and welcome them into your eternal rest; for this we pray.

*Come, Lord Jesus.*

+ God of earthly rhythms, arouse us to the movements of the natural order and to the spiritual voices of this Advent season, instilling within us a deep longing for the birth of Christ within our hearts; for this we pray.

*Come, Lord Jesus*

**Reader:** In confidence that the turmoil of the present age will usher in the new order of God's reign and dominion, let us continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

**Presider:** Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Confession of Sin**

**Book of Common Prayer 330/360**

*Stand or kneel as you are able.*

**The Peace**

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn** The Little Drummer Boy

*Katherine Kennicott Davis, 1941*

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum  
pum pum  
So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
When we come.

Baby Jesus, pa rum pum pum pum  
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum  
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
That's fit to give a King, pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum  
pum pum  
Shall I play for You, pa rum pum pum pum,  
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum  
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum  
pum pum pum  
Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum  
Me and my drum.

*The flowers on the Altar are offered to the glory of God.*

**Doxology – Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Hymnal 43 verse 4**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**Book of Common Prayer 340/367**

*All stand or kneel.*

**Sanctus**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Book of Common Prayer 336/364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*This is the Lord's table, not the Episcopal Church's.*

*All are welcome to receive; bread in your hand, common cup optional.*

**Communion Hymn - O Come, O come, Emmanuel,**

**Hymnal 56 v 1-3**

**Announcements**

**Prayer of Thanks and Mission**

**Book of Common Prayer 339/366**

**Missional Hymn – "Sleepers, wake!"**

**Hymnal 61**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Postlude**

***Ballade in G minor, op. 118 no. 3 Johannes Brahms***

*You are invited to stay for the Postlude or quietly move to the Narthex for coffee and conversation.*

**CHS Mission Statement**

The Mission of Church of the Holy Spirit is to become like Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in the Spirit.



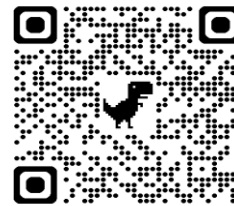
**Today's Servers**

**Presider:** Rev. Andrew Calandriello  
**Altar Guild:**  
**Coffee Hour:** Chris Hanneken  
**Music:** Alexei Tartakovsky  
**Tech Team:** Jan Paxton, John Rollins  
**Counters:** Larry Robinson, Rich Southwick

	<b>8 AM</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Deacons:</b>	Dot Hospador	Dot Hospador, Michelleslie Maltese
<b>Greeters:</b>	Chris Hanneken	John Higgins, Rich Southwick
<b>Readers:</b>	Meg McKenna	Loren Savage, Diane Bendahmane
<b>Announcements:</b>	Diane Hrozencik	Diane Bendahmane
<b>Crucifer/Server:</b>		Mollie Gora
<b>LEMs:</b>		Arden Olsen, Jane Paradiso

**Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors – We are so glad you have come to worship with us, whether you are seeking a new parish home or are here to visit with family or friends. Please introduce yourselves to our clergy, ushers or Lay Ministers.**

**Announcements – *More details at***  
[www.chucrchoholyspirit.org](http://www.chucrchoholyspirit.org)



**NEXT SUNDAY! Breakfast with Santa!**

St. Nicholas is coming Sunday, December 8 in Dove Hall at 10:00 AM. There will be ONLY one service at 9 AM followed by breakfast.

**Giving Branch** – Please take a tag or two for Christmas gift cards for the residents of Good News Home, Anderson House and Freedom House. Limit \$35, deadline December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Children’s Formation** Notes of encouragement for children may be left in their mailbags in the St. Nicholas room

**Youth Group Meeting** December 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Fellowship Meeting

**Stewardship** Estimates of Giving for 2025 are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Flower Donations** - Remember a loved one and support the greening of the church through a flower donation. Donation envelopes for Memorials or Thanksgivings are in Narthex. Please submit your name and name of your loved one by Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Greening of the church will take place on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**The Nominating Committee** –is seeking volunteers to serve as delegates to:

**Delegates to the Diocese of New Jersey Convention 2025-**

CHS needs to elect 3 lay deputy delegates to the next convention to be held in November of 2025. The delegates share in the decision-making process of the Church, upholding the common mission and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Deputies to the Watchung Convocation 2025-**

CHS needs to elect 3 deputies to our convocation. Meetings for combined clergy and lay deputies occurs twice annually. The Watchung Convocation consist of 16 Episcopal churches whose purpose is the facilitation of communication between parishes and the diocese, the sharing of ministries and cooperative ventures and mutual support.

Nominations are due December 15<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Annual Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>

**Hunterdon Helpline Raffle** helps at- risk residents with programs and services and the empowering tools and skills needed to navigate the social service system. Tickets: \$25 or 5/\$100 Find the QR code on our website.

**Christmas Schedule**

Sunday Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 AM	Rite I, HE
	10 AM	Lessons and Carols, HE
Tuesday Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	4 PM	Children’s Service
	7 PM	Carol Sing
	7:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service, HE
Wednesday Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	10 AM	Christmas Day Service, HE

**Christmas Day** - Ecumenical services being offered in our community.

Thursday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 7 PM    A Service of Hope, Remembrance and Light  
 Califon United Methodist Church  
 15 Raritan River Rd, Califon, NJ 07830

**CALENDAR**

Sunday	First 3 Sundays of the month	10 AM	Children’s Formation – K-12, Adult volunteers needed
Monday	Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Sangha Meditation
Monday	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 PM	Caregivers Givers (Zoom only)
Thursday	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	7 PMin	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM	ONLY One Service followed by Breakfast with Santa
Thursday	Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	6 PM	Choir Rehearsal/Dinner
Sunday	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>		Giving Branch Donations Due Estimate of Giving cards due
Monday	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Flower donations due
Thursday	Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	7 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday	Dc 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11 AM	Greening of the church

# URGENT BLOOD DRIVE

**MONDAY DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – 2-7 pm**  
**DOVE HALL**

**Give the gift of life.**

**During the holidays, blood supplies become critically low.**

**Your participation is needed NOW.**

**Tell your family, friends, neighbors.**

**See Jane Anderson if you have any concerns or questions.**