The Week of November 29, 2015

♦ Bishop Gregory O. Brewer and his wife Laura Lee are with us this morning at our 10:00 service. Bishop Brewer will lead in a service of Worship, Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception. There will be a reception time after the service for you to welcome Greg and Laura Lee in the Parish Hall.

♦ There is a congregational care card for Jennie Meinhart in the Narthex. She has had a small stroke and is in need of our prayer. Please take time to sign the card so that she will know that we love her and are missing her. Thank you.

♦ If you have not yet filled out your Stewardship packet, please do so, and return it to the office. The sooner we get them back, the sooner we can collate the data, which means less stuff for the office staff to deal with during Advent and Christmas. Thank you very much.

♦ Holiday Evening For The Entire Church Sponsored By Our Youth December 19th, 2015
5-6:00 pm Christmas Caroling --- 6-7:00 pm Chili cook-off in the Parrish Hall Bring your chili to be judged or just your appetite to enjoy! ----- 7:00 – 8:00 pm – “A Christmas to Believe In!” Play Put on by the Youth Group---- Punch and cookies (Going to be a FUN filled evening) Any questions ---- just ask! Scott Kirkland (863) 221-3346 or SKirk515@msn.com

♦ Secret Prayer Partners: It's time to begin wrapping up the year, where did the time go? Why not send a card with a favorite prayer inside to your prayer partner as a Christmas gift? We'll be having a Secret Prayer Partner Party during coffee hour after the 10:00 am service on January 17, 2016.

♦ A member of our church has made a cash donation to cover the purchase of this year’s Liturgical Calendars making them free for everyone. They are especially useful to those who serve as LEM, Lectors, Altar Guild, and Ushers, but are also a source of a great deal of information about the church year. So, help yourself!

♦ Poinsettia Sale! Cub Scout Pack 515 is having their annual fall Poinsettia sale to raise money for pack equipment, awards, derby kits, etc. They are $8.00 for one, $14.00 for two, and $50.00 for a tray of nine. Ordering envelopes can be found in the narthex.

♦ Educational Needs Update: What do you want to know more about? Is it something about our liturgy, or the Christian faith, or church history, or ???? Please jot down your ideas on the attendance pad, or a separate piece of paper to drop in the offering plate, or email Richard. Thank you for helping to develop this curriculum.

♦ Financial Concern. Our “Finance, Facilities and Equipment” Committee wants the congregation to know that our offerings through October are $6,700 short of covering our expenses. *Thank you for your generous giving in September & October. If you have the means to help make-up for this shortfall through your contributions going forth, please do.
We Enter to Worship!

Holy Cross is a liturgical church with an evangelical spirit and a social consciousness. We welcome everyone to this service. Baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Greeters and ushers are available to answer any of your questions.

Welcome & Announcements

8:00 a.m. service  Rite I  BCP, 323

Lighting The Advent Candle of Prophecy

The Word of God

*= Please stand.

*Processional:

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

O day of radiant gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
this day the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, “Holy, holy, holy,”
to the great God Triune.

This day at the creation,
the light first had its birth;
this day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
this day our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heaven,
and thus this day most glorious
a triple light was given.

This day, God’s people meeting,
his Holy Scripture hear;
his living presence greeting,
through Bread and Wine made near.
We journey on, believing,
renewed with heavenly might,
from grace more grace receiving
on this blest day of light.
That light our hope sustaining,
we walk the pilgrim way,
at length our rest attaining,
our endless Sabbath day.

We sing to thee our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
the Church her voice upraises
to thee, blest Three in One.

*Opening Acclamation  BCP, 355

Bishop:  Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People:  His mercy endures for ever.
Bishop:  There is one Body and one Spirit;
People:  There is one hope in God’s call to us;
Bishop:  One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People:  One God and Father of all.

*Collect of the Day  BCP, 236

Bishop:  The Lord be with you.
People:  And also with you.
Bishop:  Let us pray.

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.

“For Children, Mainly” and
Dismissal to Children’s Chapel

The Lessons  Advent I

First Lesson  Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NIV)

The Lord promises that David’s lineage will never come to an end, a promise that is fulfilled with the coming of Jesus Christ.

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

14 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. 15 “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

Reader:  The Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.
Psalm 25

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NIV)

Paul closes a letter to the people of Thessalonica with thanks for the joy they have given him by their faith and love and with a prayer that when Christ comes again they may stand firm and faultless before him.

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. 12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Reading


Jesus tells his followers about the signs of his second coming in power and great glory. When these things happen, people will know that the kingdom of God is near.

The heavens will be transformed as the Lord appears.


25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29 He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 34 Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, 348

"Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation"

Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted as friends: yours is the strength that sustains our vocation, ours a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention ever to cherish the gifts you provide; teach us to serve without pride or pretension, led by your Spirit, defender and guide.

When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed, and our courage restored: may we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.

So, in the world where each duty assigned us gives us the chance to create or destroy, help us to make those decisions that bind us, Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

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People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.
Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates for Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception will now be presented.

Parents: I present Allison Jo Bonner to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Deacon Betty: I present these persons for Confirmation (Mirtha Alvarez, Ben Bonner, Joclyn & Olivia Navas, Chris Calhoune, Sissy Jones, Scott & Zak Kirkland, Elaine Soeder).

Deacon Betty: I present these persons to be received into this Communion (Kelly Bonner, Fred Gatto).

The Bishop to Allison: Do you desire to be baptized?
Allison: I do.

The Bishop asks the candidates:
Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying:
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words:
Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop to the congregation:
Let us now pray for Allison who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions
Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.
Thanksgiving over the Water

_The Bishop_ blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Bishop:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Bishop:** We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Baptism**

_The Bishop:_ Allison, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Bishop:** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop places a hand on Allison’s head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying

Allison, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own for ever. **Amen.**

**The Celebrant:** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

**Bishop:** Let us now pray or these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Then the Bishop says:

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**For Confirmation**

_The Bishop_ lays hands upon each one and says:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

**For Reception**

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace is then exchanged

**Bishop:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**The Prayers of the People**

BCP, 385

Form II

(You may remain standing, sit, or kneel)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

**Deacon:** I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael, Greg, and Hugo; for this gathering; and for all ministers and
people.
Pray for the Church.
Silence
I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.
Silence
I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence
I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence
I ask your prayers for the departed especially Carolyn,
Pray for those who have died.
Silence
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Melissa, Diane, Joyce, Sandy, Peggy, Bill, Donna, Loren, Barbara, Gloria, Anne, Sis, Daphne, Tom, Almamae, Betty, Marilu, Dotty, Neil, The Gatto Family, Geri & LouAnn, Henry & Oliver, Alivia & Cameron, Charles & Sharon, Ada & Family.
I ask your prayers for those who suffer.
Silence
Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially Christian Martyrs whom we remember today.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence
Concluding Collect.  
BCP, 823:25
Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our nation - whether in the military or civilian positions—who are required and willing to carry weapons in order to protect us. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.
Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution  
BCP, 360

The Priest, stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Peace
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence  “Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”  Deuteronomy 15:10

Offertory Hymn  Hymnal, 53

"Once he came in blessing"

Once he came in blessing, all our ills redressing; came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; bore the cross to save us, hope and freedom gave us. Still he comes within us, still his voice would win us from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth convert us: not in torment hold us, but in love enfold us. Thus, if thou canst name him, not ashamed to claim him, but wilt trust him boldly nor dost love him coldly, he will then receive thee, heal thee, and forgive thee. One who thus endureth bright reward secureth. Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us; let us here confess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

*Doxology  Hymnal, 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: It is right to give him thanks and praise
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People
Sanctus Hymnal, S-130
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(You may remain standing, kneel, or sit.)

Celebrant:
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant:
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

The Lord’s Prayer BCP, 364

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, 364
A period of silence is kept.
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.

Instructions For Communion: “Offering the Bread of Life and a Family With Which To Share It.

Communion Hymn Renew!, 195
“I Come With Joy”
I come with joy a child of God
Forgiven loved and free
The life of Jesus to recall
In love laid down for me
I come with Christians far and near
To find as all are fed
The new community of love
In Christ’s communion bread
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share
Each proud division ends
The love that made us makes us one
And strangers now are friends
And strangers now are friends
The Spirit of the risen Christ
Unseen but ever near
Is in such friendship better known
Alive among us here
Alive among us here
Together met together bound
By all that God has done
We’ll go with joy to give the world
The love that makes us one
The love that makes us one

The Blessing
May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Recessional Hymn Renew!, 279
“At The Name Of Jesus”
At the name of Jesus, Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess Him, King of glory now
’Tis the Father’s pleasure, We should call Him Lord
Who from the beginning, Was the mighty Word
At His Voice Creation Sprang at once to sight:
All the angel faces, All the hosts of light
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders in their great array.
Humbled for a season, To receive a name
From the lips of sinners, Unto whom He came
Faithfully He bore it, Spotless to the last
Brought it back victorious, When from death He passed
Bore it up triumphant, With its human light
Through all ranks of creatures, To the central height
To the throne of Godhead, To the Father’s breast
Filled it with the glory, Of that perfect rest
In your hearts enthrone Him, There let Him subdue
All that is not holy, All that is not true.
Look to Him, your Savior, In temptation’s hour
Let His will enfold you, In its light and power
Christians this Lord Jesus, Shall return again
With His Father’s glory, O’er the Earth to reign;
For all wreaths of empire, Meet upon His brow
And our hearts confess Him, King of glory now

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Post Communion Prayer BCP, 365
You may kneel, stand, or sit.
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
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.

Dismissal
Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

We Leave To Serve!

Please Join Us In The Parish Hall
for a time of refreshment and fellowship spent with
our new Confirmation Class, Bishop Greg and
Laura Lee.
**Coming Up at Holy Cross**

### Sunday, November 29, 2015

**The Bishop Is Here!**
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:15 a.m. Rehearsal - Music Ministry Team
  In Music Room
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
  Fellowship immediately following the 10 a.m. service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group in the Parish Hall

### Monday, November 30, 2015

- 12:00 p.m. AA in Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Court Of Honor

### Tuesday, December 1, 2015

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in Parish Hall

### Wednesday, December 2, 2015

- 12:00 p.m. AA in Parish Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Supper in the Parish Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Parish Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall

### Thursday, December 3, 2015

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in Parish Hall

### Friday, December 4, 2015

- 12:00 p.m. AA in Parish Hall
- 1:30 p.m. 4H in Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 5, 2015

- Nothing Planned

### Sunday, December 6, 2015

**God & Family Awards**
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:15 a.m. Rehearsal - Music Ministry Team
  In Music Room
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
  Fellowship immediately following the 10 a.m. service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group in the Parish Hall
- 6:30 p.m. GSA in the Conference Room

### Monday, December 7, 2015

- 12:00 p.m. AA in Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 515 in Parish Hall

### Tuesday, December 8, 2015

- 6:00 p.m. Men’s Dinner In Parrish Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Women’s Dinner @ Slyce on Hwy 17

### Wednesday, December 9, 2015

- 12:00 p.m. AA in Parish Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Supper in the Parish Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Parish Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall

### Thursday, December 10, 2015

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in Parish Hall

### Friday, December 11, 2015

- 12:00 p.m. AA in Parish Hall
- 1:30 p.m. 4H in Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 12, 2015

- Brandan Taylor
  Eagle Scout Ceremony 2-4 pm

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**Pocket Cross Coins.**

What are they? Do you have one? Have you given yours away? Do you need one? These coins are given by a member of our church as a means of prayer and ministry to ourselves and others. Kept always with you it reminds us to pray, given to another who is in need of prayer, they give comfort and allow us a simple and powerful way to say to another person, “You are not alone. Come and see how good God is, how much He loves us, and how he helps us.”

If you need one, take it from the welcome basket on your left as you enter the church. If you feel called to give yours away, remember to replace yours from that same basket. If the basket gets empty, tell Larry, Illisa, or Richard.

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**Holy Cross Finances**

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**Record Of Stewardship Week Of Nov. 15, 2015**

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### Don't Forget!
Please remember when scheduled to serve in any function if there is a conflict and you will not be available, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and let the office know so that corrections can be made to the worship folder. Each ministry provides a schedule to the volunteers. Find someone from there to switch with and please, let us know. Thanks so much.

### Upcoming Lessons:

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New Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We have begun a study of the Book,

The Acts of the Apostles,
on Wednesday evenings.

We begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and start transitioning to the Bible Study at 6:30.

At approximately 7:30 – 7:45, we conclude that evening’s study and gather for a quick Rite 3 Communion Service. By 8:00 we are on our way home.

Join us for this exciting study of the growth of Christianity from Jesus through Paul and Peter.

Come and See For Yourself!

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Hot Jobs to Fill:

Dear Holy Cross Family, we need you! Here are a few ways you can help out:

Matthew 25:40

‘The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

♦ Kids In Christ Nursery: We can always use volunteers here, if you feel led to play with the little ones for the length of the service once in a while, (you don’t have to commit to every week) please contact Erin Cooper: 407-927-8021

♦ Kids In Christ Chapel: Teachers are needed, the curriculum is already done and activities planned, you just need to show up with a smile and supervise. Call Sally Covey 863-956-6024

♦ Coffee hour: Fellowship strengthens us, we are enjoined in Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.

If you feel led to encourage fellowship through coffee hour, call Pam Stark: 863-324-1620.
Maintenance

Holy Cross Handy Helpers: Our parishioners assist the Junior Warden in the many tasks necessary to keep our buildings in good repair and maintain a beautiful house of worship.

God’s Grateful Gardeners: Both Green and Brown Thumbs are needed to keep the church grounds appealing to our church family and the people passing by. What a wonderful opportunity for adults get away with playing in the mud!

Worship

Altar Guild: Our faithful, yet often unseen, members of the Altar Guild provide the care and maintenance for our sanctuary that makes our services flow smoothly.

Ushers: Our ushers are “on duty” 30 minutes prior to each service. They pass out bulletins, pass the offering plates and help with the traffic flow during the service.

Greeters: Greeters not only help welcome us before each Sunday service, but they also pay special attention to visitors by providing information and overseeing the guest book.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and Lectors: Trained and licensed LEMs and Lectors read the lessons and assist at the altar. LEMs take communion to our parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday services.

Youth Ministry

Believer’s In Christ Youth Group: Children (6th grade - 12th grade) are welcome to join. Meeting Sunday nights 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. They sing songs, eat pizza, go bowling, go on field trips & Missionary trips, discuss issues, do skits, do service projects, watch movies, and make crafts.

Acolytes: Our group of acolytes—children, teens, and adults—serve at the altar during Sunday services and for special services.

Kids In Christ Sunday School & Youth Sunday School: During the 10 a.m. service each Sunday, our children grow in Christ through children’s worship and Bible study. They join their families to receive Holy Communion.

Nursery: We provide loving care for our smallest children during the 10 a.m. service.

Christmas Show: Whether it’s a play or singing songs, a great deal of cuteness and fun goes on.

Music Ministry

Hymns & Praise Music, Instrumentalists, & Vocalists: The music ministry enhances our 10:00 a.m. Sunday services and leads our music on special feast days. Rehearsal time is 9:20 Sunday mornings. Singers, keyboardists, and other instrumentalists are welcomed.

Fellowship

At Holy Cross we really are like family and everybody likes to get together and eat!

Coffee Hour

Bible Study Dinners

Men’s & Women’s Dinners


Fellowship Night: Songs, soup, movies, laughter, & hugs!

Men’s Breakfast Club

Prayer

Daughters of the King: The Daughters undertake a Rule of Life for the extension of Christ’s Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism. Monthly meetings, open to all women, include fellowship, prayer, and study. Meetings, open to all women, include fellowship, prayer, and study.

Congregational Care

John 21:16 He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

Prayer Team: Members of the prayer team pray during each service that the Word will touch the hearts of our church families changing their lives for the good and going with them out into the world. They pray for the success of the various ministries of the church and for those in solitude, illness, sorrow or any kind of strife ministering God’s grace and healing to both body and spirit.

Visit the Homebound/Hospitalized Writing/Calling the Homebound/ Hospitalized

We Drive You: Chauffeur and Shopping

Communications

Church Library: Our library, located in the Parish Hall, is there for your use.

Email/Telephone Prayer Chain: When news, announcements, and especially prayers need to be spread throughout the church family, we’re here to help.

Web Site Ministry: The web site ministers the care and maintenance for our church families changing their lives for the good and going with them out into the world. They pray for the success of the various ministries of the church and for those in solitude, illness, sorrow or any kind of strife ministering God’s grace and healing to both body and spirit.

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