



# TRANSFORMATION Anglican Church

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We are so glad you chose to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us this morning. Our worship is a balance of Scripture, Spirit and Sacrament. It is our prayer that you will experience an authentic connection to the Lord today.

**HEARING RECEIVERS AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.**

## Church Information

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**Hours: 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 9, 2018**

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**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle** (Stand)

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Leader* On this second Sunday of Advent, we remember that we, who like sheep have gone astray, have found the way through Jesus Christ because of the **love** of the Father. Together, let us pray.

*People* **We light these two candles to announce the coming of the light of Christ into our darkness. The first candle reminds us of the HOPE that Christ's birth gives to us. The second candle symbolizes the LOVE of God demonstrated through sending His only Son to show us the way of salvation.**

**Procession into the Church/Praise and Worship**

**Ministry of the Word of God**

**The Acclamation** (Stand)

*Celebrant* Surely the Lord is coming soon,

*People* **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

**The Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant & People*

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

## The Summary of the Law

*Celebrant*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## Kyrie

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

**Old Testament**

(Sit)

Malachi 3:1-5

*Reader*

A reading from Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will

purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts..

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*(Silence for meditation on the scripture.)*

## **Psalm 126**

(Stand)

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!

<sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

**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.**

*(Silence for meditation on the scripture.)*

**New Testament**

(Sit)

1 Corinthians 4:8-21

*Reader*

A Reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>8</sup> Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! <sup>9</sup> For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. <sup>10</sup> We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup> To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, <sup>12</sup> and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup> when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things. <sup>14</sup> I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. <sup>15</sup> For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> I urge you, then, be imitators of me. <sup>17</sup> That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. <sup>18</sup> Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. <sup>19</sup> But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. <sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. <sup>21</sup> What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.***(Silence for meditation on the scripture.)*

Gospel Hymn

(Stand)

**Holy Gospel**

(Stand)

Luke 3:1-6

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*People***Glory to you, Lord Christ.**



**for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

***Celebrant*** Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

*Leader* For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For our archbishop, **Foley Beach**; for our bishop, **Bill Atwood**; for all the clergy and people of our diocese, especially this week, **St. Peter's Anglican Church in Fort Collins, Colorado**, and for all the clergy and people of our congregation. Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad, and for all who teach and disciple others, including our missionaries, especially this week: **Ervin and Coleen Starwalt**. Lord, in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Together, let us pray:  
*People* **Lord, your Word teaches us that when we give, you will “open the windows of heaven and pour down a blessing until there is no need.” We ask you to help each of us to meet the financial needs of this church.**

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy.  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For our brothers and sisters in Christ worldwide who are persecuted for their faith. Help us to pray that they may sense God’s presence and comfort; see God open doors to evangelism so they may boldly share the gospel; mature in their faith and be granted wisdom in covert ministry work; remain joyful amid suffering; and forgive and love their persecutors. Lord, in your mercy.  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, for those in the US military, and for all first responders: police officers, fire fighters, and medical personnel. Lord, in your mercy:  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord. We invite your thanksgivings at this time...(people may share here)  
Lord in your mercy.  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, let us pray to the Lord. We invite your petitions at this time...(people may share here) Lord, in your mercy.  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope

of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.  
Lord, in your mercy.

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

### ***Celebrant***

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

*Celebrant*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence; people sit or kneel*

*Celebrant & People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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.**

### **The Comfortable Words**

*Celebrant*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

*If you are a member of our **Teller and/or Usher Teams**, please stand where you are for a blessing.*

## Prayer of Blessing

**“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” Amen.**

## Ministry of the Sacrament

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

*People*          **And with your spirit.**

*[Please exchange the peace with those immediately around you as an act of worship; the Sanctus bells will be rung to signal the end of this time.]*

### **Pew Books:**

**VISITORS AND MEMBERS**, please be sure you fill the pew book out completely with address, zip code, etc.; without this information we have no way of welcoming visitors and making address changes for members.

**Prayer Request:** If you wish, you may complete the **Thanksgivings and Prayers** form inserted in this bulletin for inclusion in our Corporate Prayers at the **Offertory** and our **Intercessory Prayer** time during the week.

## The Offertory

(Sit)

*Celebrant*

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.    *1 Peter 2:9*

**We encourage you to use offering envelopes for tax purposes. If you do not currently have offering envelopes or have forgotten to bring same, please ask an usher for one. Call 972-772-5525 if you would like a set of numbered envelopes.**

Offertory Anthem

(Sit)

Ensemble

*(Food offerings may be brought to the front of the Church.)*

**Doxology**

(Stand)

## The Sursum Corda

(Stand)

ACNA Renewed Ancient Text

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 glory 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus** *Celebrant and People*

## The Prayer of Consecration (Kneel)

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again. Alleluia!**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him.

And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Fraction**

*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.

## **Fraction Anthem**

***All Baptized Christians are invited to communion. Please extend both hands to receive the bread and assist the server by guiding the chalice to your lips. If you do not desire the cup, leave the bread in your hand. The server will dip it in the wine and return it to you. For those not receiving communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing by crossing your arms over your heart as you come before the priest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.***

***PRAYER MINISTRY:*** After receiving communion, Prayer Teams are available through the doors to the right of the altar.

## **Communion Music**

### **The Post Communion Prayer** (Kneel or Sit)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

[FATHER, anoint our Visitation Communion Ministry.

LORD JESUS, bless those who will receive your body and blood.

HOLY SPIRIT, empower those who administer this sacrament. **Amen.]**

### **The Blessing** (Stand)

*Celebrant*

The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional** (Stand)  
**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**Ministers - Congregation**  
**The Most Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop**  
**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bill Atwood, Bishop**  
**The Rev. Don McLane, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Bob Hackendorf, Assisting Priest**  
**The Rev. Bill Schulgen, Deacon**  
**STAFF**  
**John Shaver, Executive Director of Ministries**  
**Randy Wills, Music Director**  
**Jennifer Horan, Nursery Director**      **Anne Horan, Parish Administrator**  
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**Jim Blevins, Rick Maneval, Tom Ryan;**  
**Sharon Figueroa, Senior Advisor; Dan Liane, Treasurer**

**PROPERs FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018**

<b>OT</b>	Zephaniah 3:14-20	<b>Psalm</b>	85
<b>NT</b>	Philippians 4:4-9	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 3:7-20

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS**  
**Week of December 9, 2018**

<b>TODAY</b>	9:30 a.m. ....	Christian Education*
	10:30 a.m. ....	Worship Service*
	11:45 a.m. ....	Coffee Time
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:30 a.m. ....	Men's Bible Fellowship
	10:00 a.m. ....	OSL Christmas at Schulgens' Home

***Please call the Church office for more information regarding these meetings.***  
***\*Nursery/Preschool Provided***

## Helping Hands Toy Drive

**Today is the last day to donate toys** for the Rockwall County Helping Hands Toy Drive. The collection box is available in the narthex. Thank you so much for supporting this special cause!

## Poinsettia Orders

Again this year, we are offering the congregation an opportunity to **contribute to the purchase of poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas**. An **order form is inserted in this bulletin** which will allow you to order and designate your gift in memory, in honor, or in thanksgiving of special people or things in your life. The last day to order is Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Special December Activities

- 12/9/18 - **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**; last day to bring toys for Helping Hands
- 12/15/18 - **OSL Christmas Celebration** at the Schulgens' home at **10:00 am**
- 12/16/18 - **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**; last day to order poinsettias; **Christmas Open House** at the McLanes' home from **5:00 –7:00 pm**
- 12/23/18 - No Sunday School; **4th Sunday of Advent**; **Hanging of the Greens** after worship
- 12/24/18 - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 pm**
- 12/25/18 - **Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am**
- 12/30/18 - No Sunday School; **Lessons & Carols at 10:30 am**

## Confirmations

**Bishop Atwood will be with us on Sunday, January 20, 2019 for confirmations!** This Confirmation Service will allow baptized adults who are ready and duly prepared to make a mature public affirmation of their

faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. If you have not previously been confirmed in the Episcopal or Anglican Church, and desire to identify yourself with the Anglican Church, please contact the office. In conjunction with the Bishop's visit and confirmations, there will be a Confirmation Class from 9 – 12 on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> for any adults who are interested in receiving information. This class is mandatory for all adults who wish to be confirmed. At 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a dinner with the bishop and his wife for all confirmands and their spouses. The Confirmation Service will be part of our worship on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> with a reception to follow.