

St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



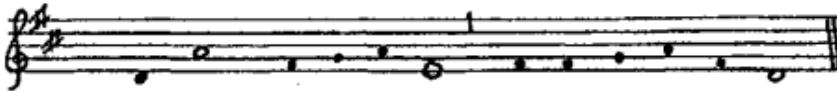
December 08, 2024, 10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Advent
A Service of Confirmation
December 08, 2024
Celebrant -The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Prelude

Advent Responsory (Ps 130:1, 3, 5-6)

An Advent Responsory



My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

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Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, *hear* my voice.

In his word is my hope.

There is for-giveness with you;
therefore you *shall* be feared.

In his word is my hope.

My soul *waits for* the Lord,
more than watchmen *for* the morning.

In his word is my hope.

O Israel, *wait for* the Lord,
for with the Lord *there is* mercy.

In his word is my hope.

Glory to the Father, *and to* the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Spirit.

My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

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Processional Hymn: # 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Steve Bateman

The Gathering of the Community (all standing)

Archbishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Archbishop There is one body and one Spirit,

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Archbishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Archbishop Let us pray. (*all kneeling*)

All **Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.**

And the people shall respond:

Thanks be to God.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Tom Warwick

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Allan Besplug

Gradual Hymn: Emmanuel

Emmanuel Emmanuel

His name is called Emmanuel

God with us revealed in us

His name is called Emmanuel

(Repeat)

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Judith Robinson

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Anthem

Every Valley

Victor Johnson

Julie Amundsen, cello

Presentation and Examination

Candidates for Confirmation: Elizabeth Ostrop and George Ostrop

The candidates stand

Presenters We present ... for confirmation.

The Archbishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment

Archbishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates **I do.**

Archbishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I do.**

Archbishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.**

The congregation stands

The Archbishop addresses the congregation, saying,

Archbishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Archbishop Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Archbishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Archbishop 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.

Archbishop

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Archbishop

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.

Archbishop

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.

Archbishop

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Archbishop

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Archbishop

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.

Archbishop

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People

I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Greg Young

Archbishop

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,
People **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Loving God, we lift up to you all those in our community who are in need of healing:
In your mercy,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We remember those we love who we see no more, giving thanks today especially for all past and present members of the A.C.W. of St. Augustine's, and Bob and Mildred Shackelford in whose memory flowers have been placed at the altar. In your mercy,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Archbishop Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

Silence may be kept

Archbishop 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.**

Those being confirmed come singly to kneel before the Archbishop. All are invited to stretch out their hands toward the candidates in an act of prayer and solidarity

For Confirmation

The Archbishop lays his hands upon each one and says:

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

Archbishop 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 *(all standing)*

Archbishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: # 108 Hark a Herald Voice is Sounding

The Celebration of the Eucharist

(all standing)

Prayer over the Gifts

The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

All **God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Archbishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Archbishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Archbishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Archbishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may 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.

All **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.**

Archbishop We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted. 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."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Archbishop and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(all kneeling)*

Archbishop And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Archbishop God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Archbishop The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Eucharist.

All (baptized or not) are invited to come forward for a blessing.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please inform the person administering the bread.

Communion Music:

Mary Lee Voort

Prayer after Communion

Archbishop Let us pray. *(all kneeling)*

All **Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

(all standing)

Archbishop Glory to God

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: # 103 On Jordan's banks, the Baptist's Cry

Dismissal

Archbishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Mary Lee Voort

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory and to honor all past and present members of the A.C.W. of St. Augustine's.

In loving memory of Bob and Mildred Shackleford by their children and grandchildren.

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

ARCHBISHOP'S CHAPLAIN: Michelle Bright

GOSPELLER: Judith Robinson

INTERCESSOR: Greg Young

LAY ASSISTANTS: Chris Burton, Karen Hudson, Jean Larson, Kathy Leonard, Judith Robinson, Francis Stillwell, Greg Young

LECTORS: Tom Warwick, Allan Besplug

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Greg Young

MUSICIANS: Julie Amundsen, Steve Bateman, Karen Hudson, Flora MacKay and St. Augustine's Senior Choir.

SANCTUARY GUILD: Harriet Edwards, Alan and Vernice Herbig, Lois Ledene, Joanne Stroh

SERVERS: David Adesina, Rory Ball, Mark Penner

SIDESPEOPLE: Bob Gschaid, Juanita Loucks

COUNT SUPERVISOR: Margot Bailes

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Michael Larsen, Drusilla Pearson; Videography: Novem Chen, Tim Fyfe

NEWCOMER'S MINISTRY: Chris and Susan Fyfe

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Associate Priest
Rector Emeritus
Rector Emeritus
Children & Family Ministries
Nursery & Special Events
Music Director
Organist
Administrative Assistant
Lead Verger
Assistant Vergers
Rector's Warden
Acolyte
Assistant Rector's Warden
People's Warden
Assistant People's Warden
Deputy Warden (Worship)
Deputy Warden (Caring)
Deputy Warden (Fellowship)
Deputy Warden (Missional Outreach)
Deputy Warden (Facilities)
Deputy Warden (Financial Stewardship)
Deputy Warden (Communications)
Deputy Warden (Discipleship and Evangelism)

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Gauri Weerakoon
Joelle Duda
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Carol Young
Tom Warwick
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