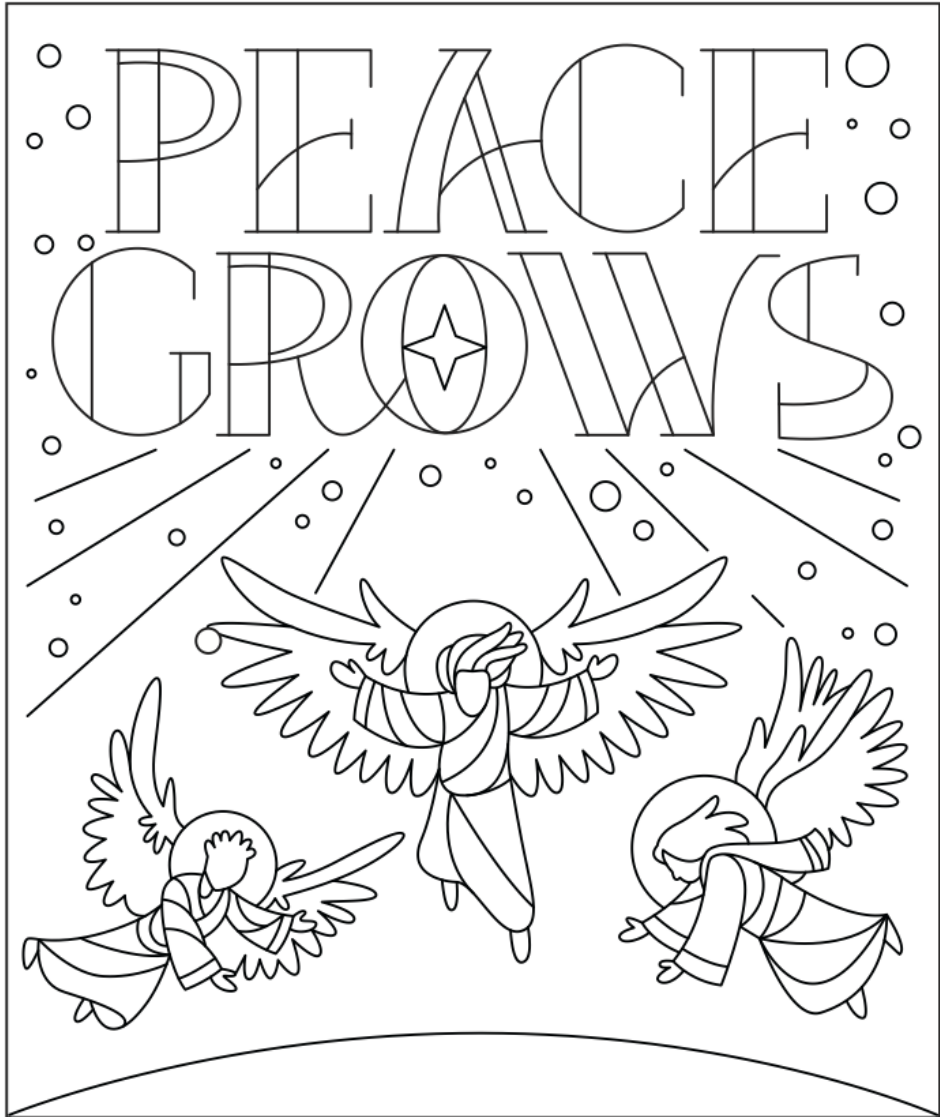


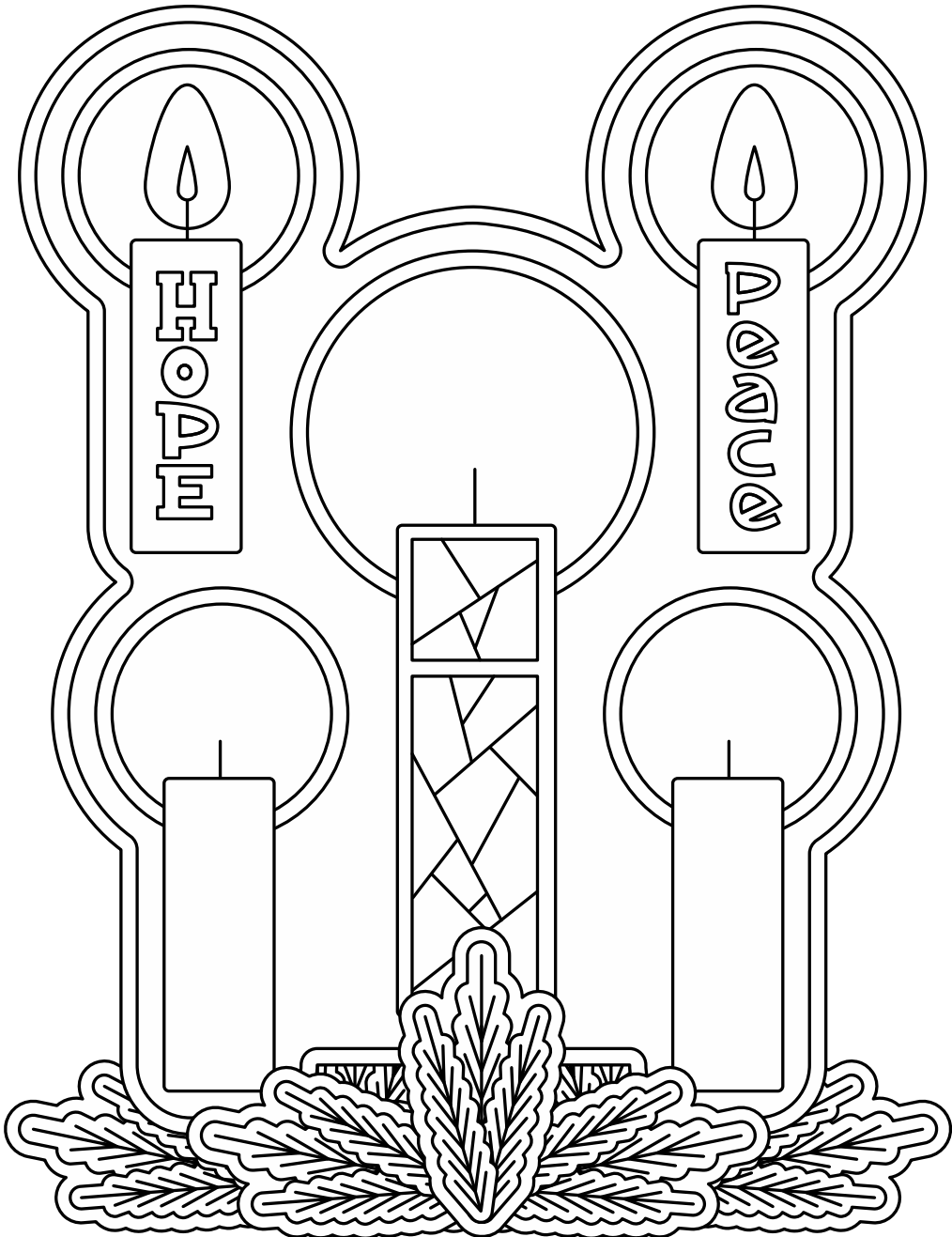
ADVENT TWO

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR ALL AGES



COLOR the CANDLES

We mark each week of Advent by lighting a candle. Color the number of Advent candles that were lit today.





ST. CATHERINE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

Welcome to St. Catherine's

We are glad that you have joined us for worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be found on the back of the chair in front of you. Completed cards may be given to a greeter or placed in the collection plate.

“BCP” before a page number refers to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. “H” before a page number refers to the blue hymnal. Both are in the pew.

You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian Church. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.

Serving Today

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Clyde Pearce, *Deacon*

Lynne Dominguez, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, *Lem/ Crucifer*

Kaiser & Brody Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Lynne Dominguez & Carol Dotson,
Money Counters

Carol Dotson, *Greeter*

Ann Watts, *Intercessor*

Cathy Cawthon, *Lector*

Cathy Cawthon, *Altar Guild*

Jim Cawthon, *Technology*

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Please stand.*

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

THE KYRIE *S 86*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

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.*

The Lessons *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING

A Reading from the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 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; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3:1-4

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 16 *Luke 1:68-79*

The Canticle will be read responsively by whole verse.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our
fathers and to remember his holy
covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the
days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of
salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, and to guide
our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able. Cantor sings Alleluia; Congregation repeats Alleluia; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Alleluia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kelley Hudlow

A period of silence follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form II

BCP 385

CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE *The Peace is now exchanged*

BCP 360

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 377

OFFERTORY

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As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung:

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. Amen.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

SANCTUS *S 124*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

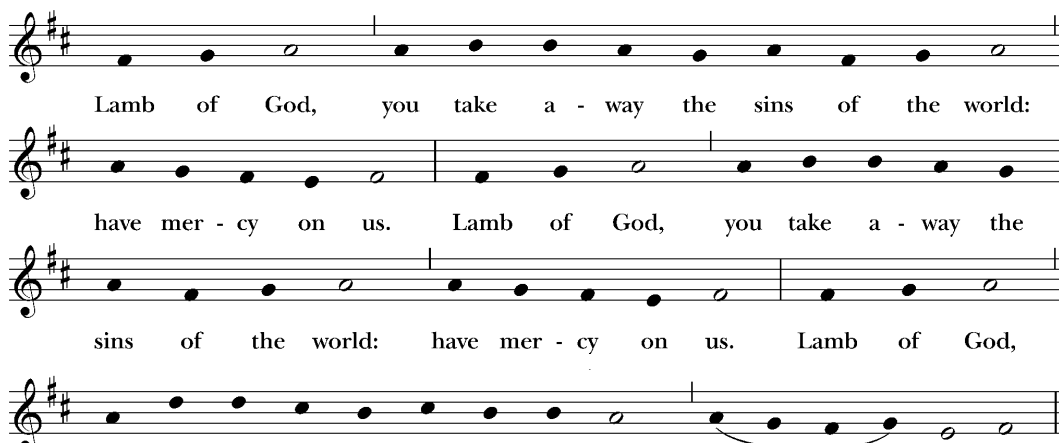
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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FRACTION ANTHEM *S 161*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION

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COMMUNION MOTET

Ava Maria by Charles Gounod
Sarah Dick, Soprano

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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To seek, love, and serve God through worship, education, and service and to share the redeeming love of Christ with the world.

Our Vision

St. Catherine's, the Episcopal Church in Chelsea, is a welcoming and inclusive family called by Christ to receive and share God's love.

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Prayers of the Community

Those on our parish prayer list: Nita, Clydene, Steven, Heather, Dorrie, Wendy, Angel, Mary Lynn, Marti, Paige, Joseph, Tracy, Dave, Carol, John, and Tristan.

Those who serve in the military, especially John Morris and Bradley Pridgen.

For those that celebrate birthdays this week, especially Michelle Nivens, Tom Chambless and Ann Watts.

Announcements

Dec. 15, 11:45 am – Vestry Meeting

Dec. 22 – Greening of the Church following the service.

Dec. 24, 4:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service.

Children and Youth are invited to join the choir for our Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals are at 9:30 am in the choir room on December 8, 15, and 22.

Join us after the service in the parish hall for coffee hour and conversation hosted by Sharon Lewis.

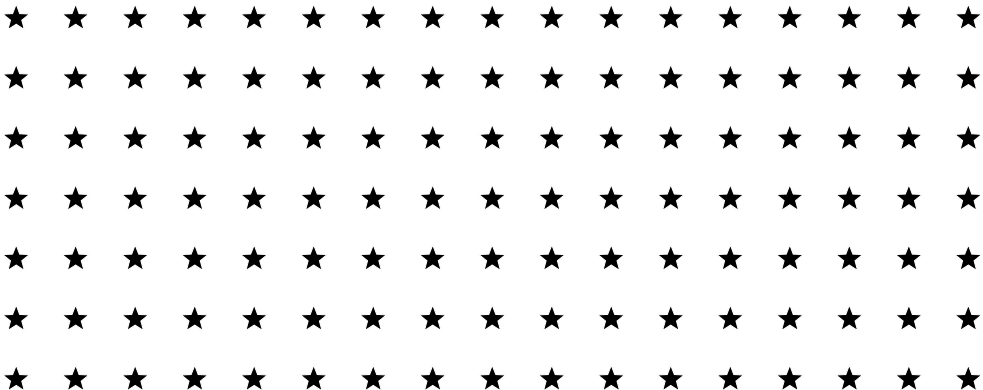
WORD CHAIN

We remember how our theme today of “peace” affects so many areas of our lives, from our bodies to our relationships to how we eat. Help peace *grow* with a word chain. Starting with the word “PEACE,” take turns with a partner by writing a word that *starts* with the *last* letter of the word your partner just wrote. Have fun seeing what can grow from peace!

PEACE

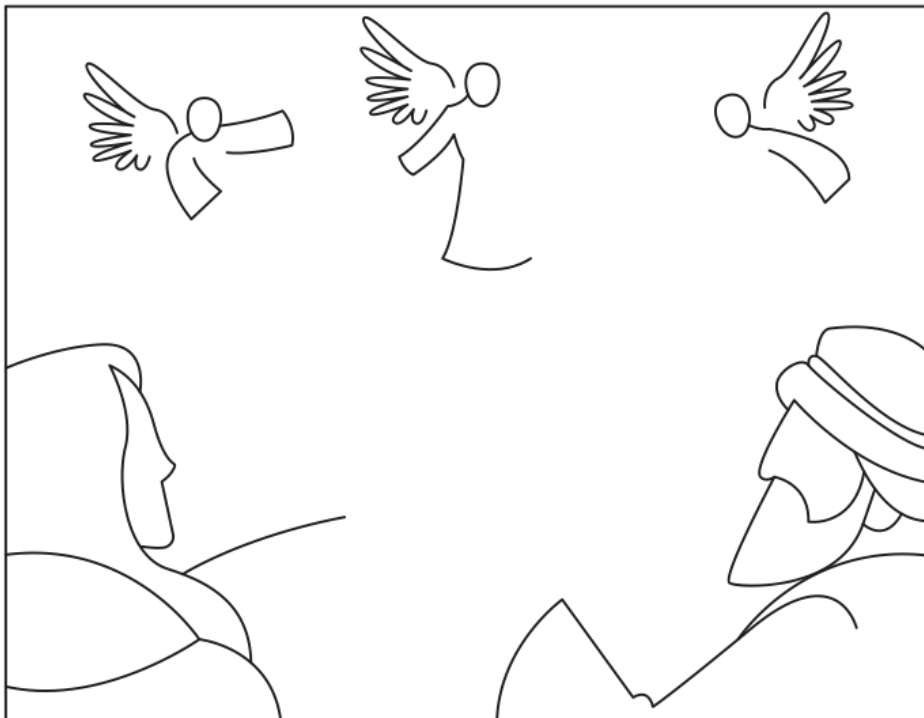
STAR BY STAR

Join the chorus of angels singing among the stars by connecting some stars yourself! This activity requires two players. Player One will connect two of the stars by drawing a line. *Note: The stars you connect must be right next to each other, vertically or horizontally.* Player Two then has an opportunity to draw a line connecting two stars. Continue alternating this play until a box is made by connecting four stars. Whoever finishes a box gets to write their initials inside the box. The game ends when all boxes have been made and the game is complete.



CAPTION THAT!

Imagine you were with those shepherds on the hillside as the angels sang! Finish the drawing, then pass your bulletin around to have others create captions for what the shepherds were thinking and saying (or the angels too!). Use your creativity for thought and speech bubbles!



WORDS to CARRY

Write down three words from today's service on **peace** that you will carry with you this week.



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