

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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."

Psalm

Psalms 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 Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Laura Newsom
 2nd: Connie Fedrizzi
 2nd: Susan Schug
 6th: Gloria Akinson
 6th: Janet Sue Whetzel
 7th: Isabella Newsom
 14th: Becky Supercinski
 21st: Ron Raif
 26th: Jeff Richardson
 27th: Don King
 28th: Kayla Smith

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, December 08, 2024

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Poinsettia Dedications

If you would like to provide a Poinsettia for the Sanctuary, please fill out the form located in the narthex and place in the offering plate. Suggested donation: \$20.00 per Poinsettia. Please indicate "Poinsettia" on your check

UPCOMING in DECEMBER

Sunday, December 8th

Mtr. Tracey will be at St. John's in Tyler

Sunday, December 15th, 4-7PM

Church Christmas Party at Bryan & Charlyne White's Home. Bring Hors D'oeuvres

Sunday, December 22nd, after the service

Family tree decorating party, bring a family ornament

Tuesday, December 24th, Evening service

Service will begin at **6:00 PM**.

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Joshua Martinez

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Workman

Greeter: Amy Brown

Lector: Melinda Smith

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins, Diane Buffington

Ushers: Tommy Read, Stan Williams

Vestry People: Bryan White, Stan Williams

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Sheila Carlisle's Family
- Tom Cobb
- Andrew McWhorter
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine and Margie Litterski

Other Prayer Request:

- Jonathan secures employment, enabling the Bowman family to relocate to Longview.

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering.

Or, send an email with your request to: prayer@smaalongview.org

**** Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. ****

Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
11/03/24	\$2,220	\$3,302	-\$1,082
11/10/24	\$3,699	\$3,302	\$397
11/17/24	\$2,738	\$3,302	-\$564
11/24/24	\$3,970	\$3,302	\$668
YTD TOTALS	\$158,441	\$155,200	\$3,241

NEXT Sunday's Servers (12/08)

Acolytes: Joe Frank Brown

Cameras & Streaming: Melinda Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown

Greeter: Michael Greathouse

Lector: Helen Daniel Glave

Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink, Marie Tucker

Ushers: Bryan White, Jerry Ritchie

Vestry People: Tommy Smith, Connie Fedrizzi

Worship Tech: Tommy Smith

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