



**ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
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**ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
IN NORTH AMERICA

### GREETINGS

**Welcome to our** warm and friendly setting for true, Christ-centered worship. A traditional Anglican Church and a parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, under the oversight of Bishop Ryan Reed, St. Francis' liturgical standard is the 1928 Book of Common Prayer – a liturgy that is orthodox in its expressions of the Christian faith, based on prayers that have been part of catholic worship for 2000 years. Please stay to visit in the fellowship area after the service. Also, sign the guestbook in the entry hall if you would like to receive more information about St. Francis.

**Please Note: Due to the prevalence of COVID-19, Communion at St. Francis** is in the species of the Body and the Blood of Christ. If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ, leave the wafer in the palm of your hand. The Priest will dip it in the cup and place on your tongue. Conversely, consume the wafer if you don't want the Blood of Christ through intinction.

### MISSION STATEMENT

**We are a community** of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.

**We are called** to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.

**We are determined** to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.

**St. Francis parish is dedicated** to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.

**As a community of believers, we intend** to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Christmas Eve: Prelude Music**, 7:50 p.m., **Lessons and Carols & Holy Communion**, 8 pm. Christmas reception to follow the service.

**Christmas Day**, Holy Communion, 10 a.m.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays after Christmas**, Dec. 26 and Jan 2, Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### PRAYER GROUPS

**St. Francis Prayer Group:** If you would like to place a name on the list distributed to our active prayer group members, please use the prayer intention box located in the fellowship hall to submit your request. You may also email Fr. Len at [rector@stfrancisaustin.org](mailto:rector@stfrancisaustin.org).

**Prayer Service for our Nation:** *Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty*. You are welcome to join us on Saturday, December 4, in the Fellowship area at 10 a.m. The service will include hymns, prayers – both read and extemporaneous – and Bible readings on the seven centers of prayer: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church, and Family.

**Mothers' Prayer Group:** Meets monthly at noon with the next meeting on Friday, December 17. Join this group of mothers as they pray extemporaneous prayers in the ACTS form of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication, which includes prayer for each other's families. Contact Charlotte Ready with any questions. Every mother is welcome to attend.

## ST. FRANCIS EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m., Youth Sunday School upstairs 10:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal, upstairs After each service, Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail. 7:00 p.m. Home group at the Crandells' house, in-person or via Zoom
<b>Nov. 30</b>	Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home Group, via Zoom
<b>Dec. 1</b>	Wednesday, 7 p.m., Catechism Class, via Zoom
<b>Dec. 2</b>	Thursday, 7 p.m., Evening Prayer, via Zoom or in-person
<b>Dec. 4</b>	Saturday, 10 a.m., Prayers for the Nation

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Adult Catechism class Wednesdays, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.**, All are welcome to join us as we work through the questions list in the book: "To Be a Christian". An email will be sent out with the link to the Zoom meeting on Wednesday morning.

**Christian Education for Youth** is ongoing! There are two classes: one for grades 6 and up who meet today with Doug Cooper and another for grade K-5 who meet with Sue Orr. Classes begin with everyone starting out in the church service and leaving at the announcements.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November is pledge drive month.** Please prayerfully consider your pledge for this next year and fill out a Capital Campaign and Pledge Card. You can leave in the offering plate, mail to the church, leave in the box in the Narthex, or give to our treasurer, Grady Collins. Try to have them in by next week.

**On December 5, Bishop Ackerman** will visit St. Francis on a pastoral visit at both the 9:30 and the 11:00 services. After the 11:00 service, there will be a reception held in his honor. The St. Clare's Guild is sponsoring a Greek food luncheon after the 11:00 service. Please plan to attend.

**As is the tradition in Advent at St. Francis** (and many other churches), the Gloria is omitted at the end of the service. Advent is the season of preparation for Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. As the Gloria is the angel's response to the glorious birth of Jesus, we wait until that holy night to sing it.

**Advent in the Home:** If you would like to bring a little Advent to your home, pick up the pamphlet, **Advent in the Home** from the table in the entry hall. Take as many as needed.

**For the duration of Advent** from now through the 24th, there will be no flowers on the altar. This bareness will be in strong contrast with the 12 days of Christmas and on into Epiphany when the altar and the entire church will be beautifully decorated with flowers and poinsettias. If you wish to make a donation for the poinsettias as a remembrance, memorial or thank offering, please use an envelope from the table in the Narthex to enclose your donation. Fill the envelope front out as appropriate and place in the wooden box on the same table.

**St. Clare's Guild is a group of women** whose ministry is dedicated to serving our parish family in times of celebration, need, illness or loss. If you should find yourself and/or your family in one of these life situations, please contact Eileen Cole.

**If you are not a member** of St. Francis Anglican Church but would like to be, simply complete a registration form found on the table near the front door and give it to the Rector. If you wish to become a pledging member, complete a Pledge Card and drop it in the collection plate. It is that easy.

**Anniversaries this week:** (30<sup>th</sup>) Glenn and Becky Hunt; (4<sup>th</sup>) Ed and Ruth Ann Stillman

**Birthdays this week:** (1<sup>st</sup>) Joshua DeBord, (3<sup>rd</sup>) Mack Lindsey

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Baruch 5:1-9  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 1:1-11  
Luke 3:1-6

*Bishop:* The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Len Giacalone

9:30 *Acolyte & Lector:* Arthur Woodgate; *Ushers* David Kristo-Reinking / John Goodrich

11:00: *Acolytes:* Jim Crandell & Gideon Hatley *Lector:* Doug Cooper *Ushers:* Mack Lindsey / Bill Palmer

*Music Director:* Betty Lin Gallardo

**THE COLLECT FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. .Amen.

**PRAYER FOR THE COUNTRY**

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out

of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ZECHARIAH 14:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley; so that one half of the Mount shall withdraw northward, and the other half southward. <sup>5</sup>And the valley of my mountains shall be stopped up, for the valley of the mountains shall touch the side of it; and you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzzi'ah king of Judah. Then the LORD your God will

come, and all the holy ones with him. <sup>6</sup>On that day there shall be neither cold nor frost. <sup>7</sup>And there shall be continuous day (it is known to the LORD), not day and not night, for at evening time there shall be light. <sup>8</sup>On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter.<sup>9</sup>And the LORD will become king over all the earth; on that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

### **PSALM 50: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken, \* and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Sion hath God appeared \* in perfect beauty.

<sup>3</sup> Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; \* there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

<sup>4</sup> He shall call the heaven from above, \* and the earth, that he may judge his people.

<sup>5</sup> Gather my saints together unto me; \* those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; \* for God is Judge himself

### **1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; <sup>12</sup>and may the

Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **LUKE 21:25-31**

*Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord*

<sup>25</sup>"Jesus said, "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take

place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

*Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ*

ST. STEPHEN

WILLIAM JONES, 1789

*In moderate time*

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri-umph-ant breaks;  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit-tle child, To bear, and fight, and die,  
 3 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And earth's dark night is past;  
 4 And let the end-less bliss be-gin, By wea-ry saints fore-told,

When beau-ty gilds the east-ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
 But crowned with glo-ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
 O haste the ris-ing of that morn, The day that eye shall last;  
 When right shall tri-umph o-ver wrong, And truth shall be ex-tolled.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
 And light and beauty brings:  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,  
 Come quickly, King of kings. Amen.

*Greek; Tr.* JOHN BROWNLIE, 1907

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A - men.

*Also the following:*

153 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

ST. COLUMBA

*In flowing style*

Traditional Irish Melody

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, Whose goodness fail-eth nev-er;  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, My ransomed soul he lead-eth,  
 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,

I noth-ing lack if I am his, And he is mine for ev-er.  
 And where the ver-dant pas-tures grow, With food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 And on his shoul-der gen-tly laid, And home, re-joic-ing, brought me.

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4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
 With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
 Thy cross before to guide me.

*1st Tune*

A - men.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
 Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
 And O what transport of delight  
 From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never:  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 Within thy house for ever. Amen.

*2nd Tune*

A - men.

HENRY WILLIAMS BAKER, 1868; *based on Psalm 23*

## 553

## General Hymns

76. 76. D.

LANCASHIRE

HENRY SMART, 1836

*In moderate time*

## 554

## General Hymns

76. 76. D.

Tune, LANCASHIRE

1 Lead on, O King eternal,  
 The day of march has come;  
 Henceforth in fields of conquest  
 Thy tents shall be our home:  
 Through days of preparation  
 Thy grace has made us strong,  
 And now, O King eternal,  
 We lift our battle-song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,  
 Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 And holiness shall whisper  
 The sweet Amen of peace;  
 For not with swords loud clashing,  
 Nor roll of stirring drums,  
 But deeds of love and mercy,  
 The heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:  
 We follow, not with fears;  
 For gladness breaks like morning  
 Where'er thy face appears.  
 Thy cross is lifted o'er us;  
 We journey in its light:  
 The crown awaits the conquest;  
 Lead on, O God of might! Amen.

ERNEST WARBURTON SHURTLEFF, 1887

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