Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022
11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea!

- Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* (blue).
- Children (ages 3—10 years old) are welcome to join our classes in the Sunday School Hall. They will return to the church during the exchanging of the Peace.
  - Child care is available for children up to three years of age. Please ask an usher for details.
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude
Voluntary on *Winchester New* (On Jordan’s bank)  
Craig Sellar Lang (1881–1971);
Fantasia sopra *Freu dich sehr o meine Seele* (Comfort, comfort ye, my people)  
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780)

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 59
Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding  
*Merton*

The Word of God

Acclamation

_Celebrant_
Blessed are you, holy and living One.

_People_
You come to set your people free.

The Celebrant continues.
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.*

Trisagion

_Hymnal S–102* (sung three times)  
Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924)

Collect of the Day

_Celebrant_
The Lord be with you.

_People_
*And also with you.*

_Celebrant_
Let us pray.
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 congregation is seated.

Lesson
Isaiah 11:1—10
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 Sung by the choir. Anglican chant by Walter Parratt (1841–1924)

1 Give the King your justice, O God,* and your righteousness to the King’s Son;
2 That he may rule your people righteously,* and the poor with justice;
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,* and the little hills bring righteousness.
4 He shall defend the needy among the people;* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,* from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,* like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,* who alone does wondrous deeds!
19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!* and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.
Lesson Romans 15:4—13
Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people Freu dich sehr

Gospel Matthew 3:1—12
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll
A brief period of silence follows the Homily. Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.
The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

CONFESSIGN OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION (congregation kneeling)
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY
Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

ANTHEM
Det är ros utsprungen Michael Prætorius (1571–1621), arr. Jan Sandström (b. 1954)
Quartet: Erin Destito, Julie Warren, Mark Lynch, Terry Miller

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
Traditional German carol, tr. Theodore Baker (1851–1934)

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Winchester New

All praise e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom

with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more. A - men.
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 triumph 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus  S-130

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 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 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

Come, Holy Child of light and be known: be known in broken bread and offered lives; be known in this house as Lord and King; be known in our hearts today and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Communion

Everyone is invited to Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Our normal practice is to kneel at the rail, however, you may also stand. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the minister.

During the Communion
Hymn 75 There’s a voice in the wilderness crying Ascension
Anthem How lovely are the messengers Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings. Romans 10:15

After Communion, please stand when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

O God, who bids us wait in this season of longing: as you have fed us with the body of Christ, make us hungry for Christ’s justice in the world; As you have given us drink from the cup of salvation, make us thirsty for the fullness of your kingdom; In these days of expectation, stir our hearts and awaken hope that we may share the gifts of your reconciling love with all creation. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 307 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor Bryn Calfaria
descant by Walter Sutcliffe (b. 1936)

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Praeludium und Fuga in e minor, BWV 533 “The Cathedral”
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Adalina, Agata, Amnesty, Ann, Anna, Andrew, Bill, Bob, Brygida, Carol, Carolyn, Chris, Clara, Coy, Craig, Daniel, David, Dayana, Donald, Donna, Dennis, Ed, Edward, Elaine, Ellie, Eric, Evan, Foster, Frank, Galina Natalya, Gary, Heidi, Hunter, Isabel, Jack, Jeane, Jerry, Joan, John, Kathryn, Kelly Ann, Kinga, Larry, Laurie, Lillian, Linda, Lynn, Maggie, Malcom, Marcia, Mariela, Marilyn, Martie, Maury, McNerney family, Michael, Mike, Mireille, Nanci, Nancy, Ned, Noah, Noreen, Pam, Pamela, Pat, Philip, Richard, Ron, Sally, Samantha, Samuel, Sean, Sebastian, Shawn, Susan, Tico, Tony, Veronica, Vince, Vladi, Wendy, Will, William, Zdzislaw and those serving our country... Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William.
Music at Bethesda

Christmas Concert and Community Carol Sing
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 • 7:30 p.m.
Join us at one of our area’s most popular seasonal concerts. The Bethesda Choir performs with some of the finest instrumentalists around, and the audience sings many favorite Christmas carols with orchestra accompaniment. There is a $25 requested donation at the door (no advance tickets available).

Stuart Forster, conductor

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday, January 1, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.
The Bethesda Choir leads this traditional Christmas service, made famous by the recordings and annual live broadcast from King’s College, Cambridge, England. A free-will offering will be received.

Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival
“One of the ten best things to do in Palm Beach”
Saturday, January 7, 2023 • 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 8, 2023 • 2:00 and 4:30 p.m.
The Palm Beach Pipes and Drums, Beefeaters, Sprites, Shepherds, the Three Kings and their Pages, Mary and Joseph, Flag Bearers, Jesters, the Herald, King Wenceslas and his Page, a Brass Quintet, the mighty Austin organ, and the Bethesda Choir…all will be in place once again for this year’s festival! There is a $25 requested donation at the door or online.
Christmas Altar Flowers

We invite you to make a contribution in memory of or in honor of your loved ones during this Christmas season. Your gift provides for the special flowers and altar adornments during this season and throughout the year.

Please complete the reverse side of this card and return it with your check made payable to Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Your loved ones’ names will be printed in the Christmas service leaflets as long as they are received by December 12. A minimum $35 contribution is suggested per name. Please complete the form below and mail it with your check (payable to Bethesda-by-the-Sea Church) to 141 South County Road, Palm Beach, FL 33480. You may also visit bbts.org and give online.

Please print clearly FULL NAME (first and last)
Also specify by circling below in memory, in honor of:

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Suggested contribution is $35 per name.

☐ Additional contributions (Any amount you care to give will be appreciated)

Give Now Online!
You may “Give Now” electronically in one of three ways: (1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting bbts.org and clicking the “Give” button; or (3) Texting BBTS and a dollar amount (example: BBTS $x,xxx) to 73256 to give to Bethesda using text messaging.
Bethesda’s Mission is to experience the clear and strong presence of God and to understand and spread Christ’s teachings through collective worship, learning, and service.

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