



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINTS JAMES AND ANDREW

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

In-Person and Live-streamed

Welcome to the Season of Advent

Welcome to Worship! We are blessed by your presence with us today. In Advent, we enter a new year of the church calendar, anticipating the coming of Christ both in Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and in the Coming that is yet-to-be. We begin our worship by lighting the Advent Wreath, focusing ourselves on our Advent theme of expectation and readiness for the entrance of Christ's light into the world.

Our liturgy is drawn primarily from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship 1 & 2. We also frequently make use of other approved worship resources from elsewhere within the Anglican Communion, such as the Church of England, Scottish Episcopal Church, Anglican Church of Canada, and the Anglican Church in New Zealand. We believe that the use of fresh language provides us the opportunity to broaden and deepen our relationship with God. Our music is drawn primarily from the Hymnal 1982, Wonder, Love, and Praise, and Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and other approved hymnals. All materials are printed with permission using RiteSeries.

Please note that our worship is live-streamed to Facebook.

Our Mission

We believe God is calling us to cultivate a community of love, joy, hope, and healing. Jesus is our model for a life of faith, compassion, hospitality and service. We strive to be affirming and accessible, welcoming and inclusive; we seek to promote reconciliation, exercise responsible stewardship, and embrace ancient traditions for modern lives.

Prelude

Savior of the Nations Come, BuxWV 211

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

Molly

Ringing for Remembrance

There have been 39,698 gun related deaths this year, of which 3,577 have taken place in the past month. There have been 606 mass shootings so far this year. This data was taken from the [Gun Violence Archive](#) on November 23.

The Hymnal 1982 - #73

The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

Opening Acclamation and Collect

Molly

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

Jesus, you are the way through the wilderness: show us your truth in which we journey, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit be in us the life that draws us to God. Amen.

(Source: F.B. McNutt, The Prayer Manual)

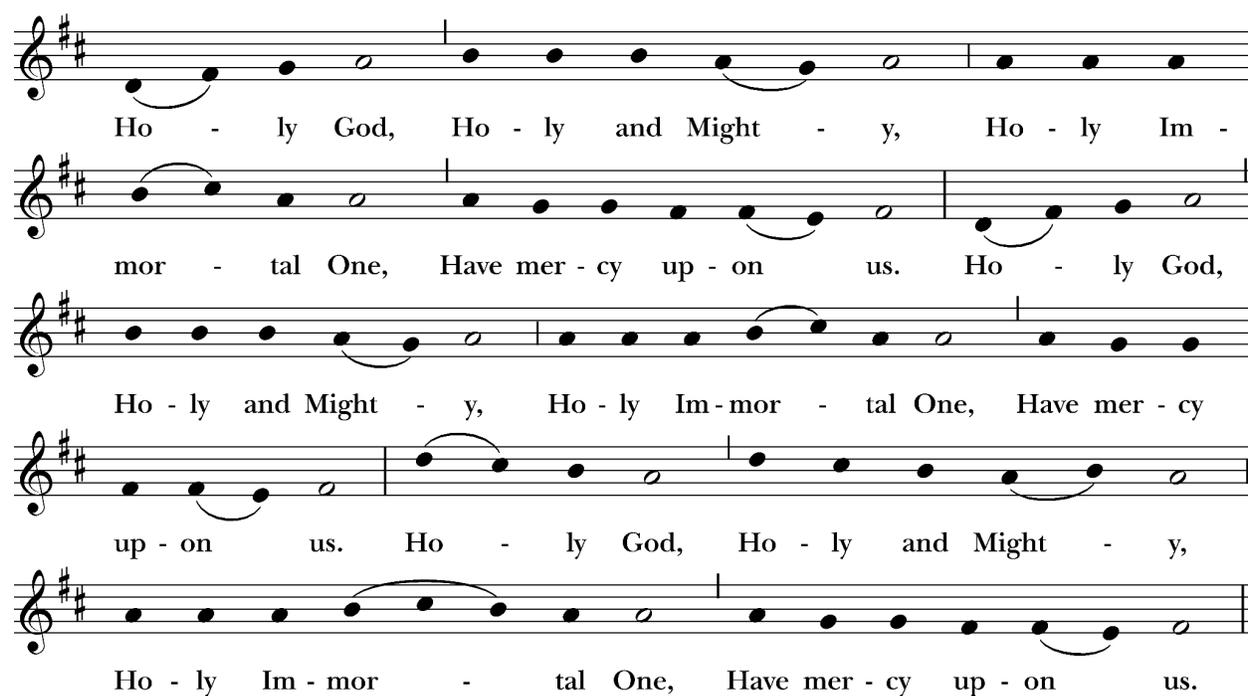
The Lighting and Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Arise, shine, for your light is come, and the
glory of the Lord is risen upon you.
Lift up your eyes round about and see.
**Sing and rejoice: For lo, I come, and will
dwell in the midst of you, says the Lord.**

It is time to awake out of sleep: for now is
our salvation drawing near.
**The night is spent, and the day is at hand;
Let us put on the armor of light.**

The candle(s) in the advent wreath are lit.

Let us pray:
O God, whose glory shines as the light in the face of Jesus Christ; bless, we pray you, this wreath for the worship of this gathered community, and grant that as it gives light to all that are in this place, so may we show forth your light in our lives. Help us to prepare in the weeks ahead for the true spirit of Christmas – the birth of Jesus the Savior. May the light of these candles, shining forth in a broken world, be a symbol of hope to all who wait for peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
 Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Collect

Molly

God be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Steve Houghton

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
 the mountain of the Lord's house
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.
 Many peoples shall come and say,

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 1 I was glad when they said to **me**, *
“Let us go to the house of **God**.”
- 2 Now our feet are **standing** *
within your gates, O Je-**rusalem**.

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- 3 Jerusalem is built as a **city** *
that is at unity with it-**self**;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the **Holy One**, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of **God**.

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- 5 For there are the thrones of **judgment**, *
the thrones of the house of **David**.

6 Pray for the peace of Je-rusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.

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7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my kindred and companions' sake, *
I pray for your pros-perity.

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9 Because of the house of the Holy One our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Fred

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Molly

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Teaching Sermon: The Creeds

Molly

Silence for Reflection

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

adapted from Liturgy for the Whole Church

Julie Carew

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.
God of the prophets, hear us and help us.

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a
freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

God of the angels, hear us and help us.

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

God of our mothers, hear us and help us.

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

God of our fathers, hear us and help us.

God of the Baptizer, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light of hope promising peace.

God of the Baptizer, hear us and help us.

God of love and courage, give your church power to stand against violence, protect the powerless, and work to preserve our earth.

God of love and courage, hear us and help us.

God who always listens; hear our prayers for those who are sick, struggling, or who have asked for our prayers, including Noah, Lloyd, Shirley, Louis, John, Andy, Gerda, John G., Alan K., Allen H., Ava, Lucille, Frank, and Josie.

Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings silently, aloud, or in the comment section of our virtual worship.

Silence

God who always listens, hear us now.

God of all, we give you thanks for the gifts of ministry and for the privilege of serving you. We lift up and offer thanks for the service of the Mission Team and ask that you continue to guide and support them in their ministry.

God of all, hear us now.

Celebrant

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Molly

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours, we ask your pardon.

God forgives us; be at peace. Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race.

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world. Amen.

Exchange of Peace

Having received God's word of hope and new life, we share a sign of God's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Offering

To donate online: Text "Give" (978) 525-0712

Offertory Anthem *Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity;
let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity.
Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain,
and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.
Now for my friends' and brethren's sakes, peace be to thee, I'll say;
and for the house of God our Lord I'll seek thy good away.

Scottish Psalter, 1650

The Preparation of the Gifts

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

(from Church of England)

Molly

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Why is it right to give thanks and praise.

Listen, and we will hear.

The Celebrant continues...

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

The Hymnal 1982 - #S114 *Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is the one that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Celebrant continues...

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Listen, and we will hear.

The Celebrant continues...

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Listen, and we will hear.

The celebrant continues...

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

Spiritual Communion

Please join us for a moment of quiet, and then we invite those worshiping at home and any moved to pray with them in solidarity to join in the prayer for spiritual communion.

Silence

Let us pray:

Living God, holy Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We who do not receive the sacrament of bread and wine today long for your spiritual presence, that we may be strengthened by your grace, and that we may draw ever-closer to you and to one another. We pray you, come into our hearts, that we may live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive communion, or a blessing. If you wish for gluten free wafer, please tell the clergy.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us give thanks for this meal:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people,

forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements *(see back pages)*

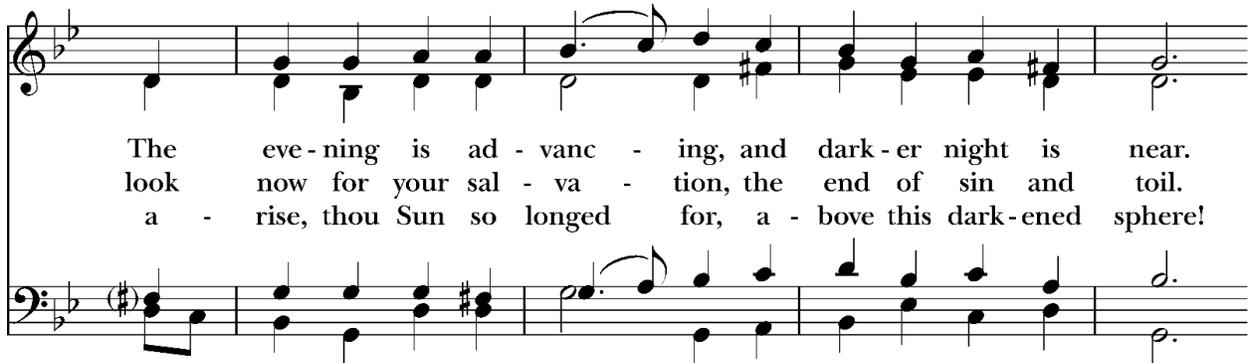
The Hymnal 1982 - #68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

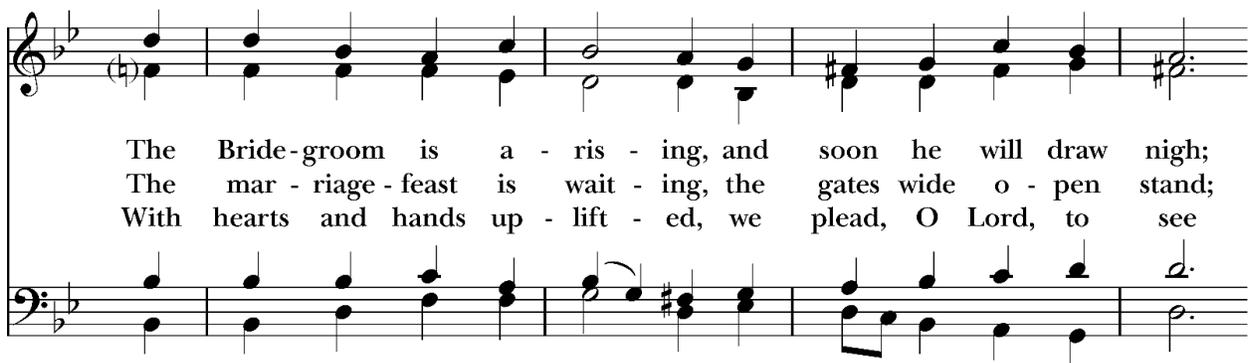
Llangloffan



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

Dismissal

Molly

This service has ended, now let ours begin.
 As we await our coming Saviour,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia.

Postlude

Chaconne in G minor

Louis Couperin (1626-1662)

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 4

View the texts at: www.lectionarypage.net:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Prayer List

Names are on the list for 6 weeks, then removed. Feel free to add a name again.

Noah, Lloyd, Shirley, Louis, John, Andy, Gerda, John G., Alan K., Allen H., Ava, Lucille, Frank, and Josie.

Announcements

Today - Ringing for Remembrance

We grieve the continuing epidemic of gun violence in our country. On the last Sunday of each month we will remember the victims of gun violence. The celebrant will begin the service by sharing the number of persons lost to gun violence so far that month (using data collected by the Gun Violence Archive), and we will toll the bell for one minute as we remember, grieve, and pray. For a more active response to the reality of gun violence, we encourage you to sign up with The Episcopal Public Policy Network to receive emailed emailing us 'action alerts', directions for encouraging our congressional representatives to take specific positions on legislation involving social justice issues.

Pledge Notice - Thanksgiving Offering

This week we invite those whose finances allow, to consider making a special donation to our parish's mission and outreach efforts. For those who use pledge envelopes, please use the 'Thanksgiving' offering envelope; otherwise please donate on our website or by check, noting 'Thanksgiving' in the memo line. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

2023 Pledges To Date

Thank you to all who have pledged so far in support of next year's finances. So far we have reached \$173,581. Last year our total amount pledged was \$205,701. We are getting close! If you have not yet sent your completed 2023 Pledge Card, please do so today. Alternatively, you can pledge online [HERE](#). Thank you.

Wednesday Zoom Morning Prayer at 6:15 am

Audley Robinson will lead those interested in Morning Prayer, found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 137. For the zoom link: audleyp1@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

Sunday Sandwiches is looking for a few more helpers. We're hoping to enlist one person a Sunday to help us prep peanut butter & jelly sandwiches before church starting at 9:30. With our higher meal counts going out every week getting these done ahead of our normal prep time would be a huge help, and won't interfere with attending church. A signup sheet will be posted in the narthex or you can contact Erica Burns if you are interested ericarburns@gmail.com

Coats for Second Helpings

Do you have coats, jackets, or fleece hanging in your closet that you never wear anymore? Donate them to Second Helpings! We will have a box in the entryway in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall entrance by the parking lot starting November 10. Coats will be available for meal guests from November 28 through December 19. Any coats not claimed by December 19 will be donated to the Survival Center.

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Common Day of Mourning

The Interfaith Council of Franklin County is hosting a Common Day of Mourning/Memorial on December 11 at 2:00 PM on the Greenfield Town Common. If you know of people who have passed away this year without community that you would like remembered at this service please send names to Julie Orvis (julie_orvis@yahoo.com).

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