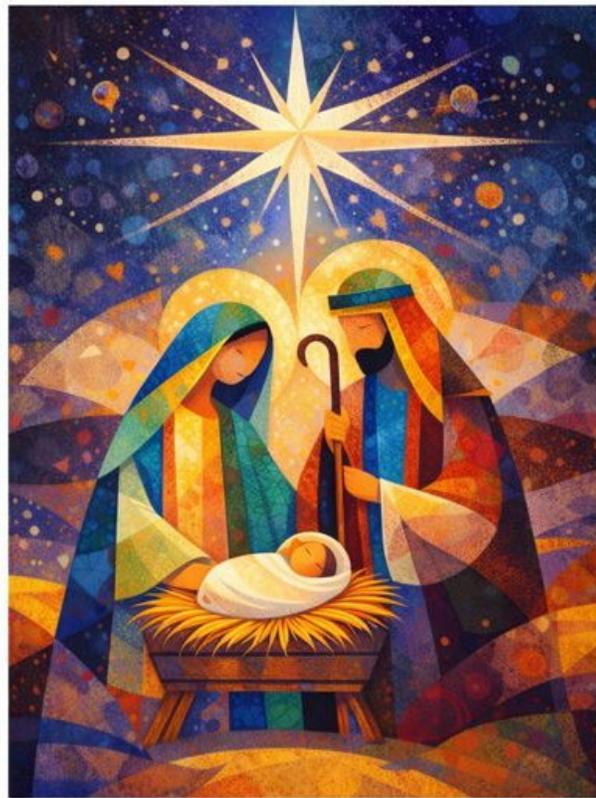


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EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Conway, South Carolina



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Christmas Day
10:00 AM
December 25, 2025

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and Forever. Amen.

OPENING ANTHEM

Together we say

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

Reading responsively by full verse.

¹Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

²*With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.*

³The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴*He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

⁵Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶*Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.*

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
⁸*Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, **
the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰*In righteousness shall he judge the world **
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kevin Holland Sparrow

Please be seated.

A moment of quiet reflection is held after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear family of God, confident in the word made flesh and dwelling among us, let us bring to our loving God the petitions in our hearts this Christmas, saying: “Christ, hear our prayer.”

For the community of believers throughout the world, for Ruth, our bishop, and for all those in positions of leadership and authority, that they might direct us toward the service of God’s glory and the spread of God’s light to the ends of the earth, let us pray.

Christ, hear our prayer.

For the church gathered here in this Christmas celebration, that our worship of the Word made flesh might take on flesh in our living the gospel message, let us pray.

Christ, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace, let us pray.

Christ, hear our prayer.

For all refugees, and for the victims of war, violence, and injustice, that they might know the power of the newborn Savior, let us pray.

Christ, hear our prayer.

For all who dwell in the power of ignorance and disease, of poverty and homelessness, of division and hate, that the presence of Christ might work its wonders this day and this season, let us pray.

Christ, hear our prayer.

For the sick and dying among us, especially for *Brandon, Cindy, Gary, Drew, Debbie, Jen, Kathleen, Thomas, Chrystal, Don, Melissa-Ann, Keith, Maverick, George, Bernadine, Lew, Claudia, Ted, Ann and Mike, Betty, Bobby, Donna G., Elizabeth, Jeff, Josie, Joyce, Laura, Linda, Mike, Susan, Thom and Carol, and Trudy.*

Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died especially we pray for *Paulette Bond.*

Christ, hear our prayer.

Priest Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child to live among us in vulnerable humility; Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

The Word made flesh has come to dwell among us; let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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,

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

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, Saint Joseph, Saint Anne, 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept after the breaking of the bread.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

INVITATION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians, from any tradition or denomination, are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion at Saint Anne's.

The ushers will guide you when it is time to come forward. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands. You may then either:

- *Drink from the chalice by gently guiding it to your lips, or*
- *Dip (intinct) the bread into the chalice yourself.*

Please know that receiving only the bread or only the wine is a full participation in Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available—just let the minister know.

If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will be honored to offer a blessing.

If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, Fr. Kevin would be delighted to talk with you.

Wherever you are on your journey with God—or toward God—you have a place here, and you are most welcome.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

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DECEMBER 25, 2025

Worship Participants

10:00AM

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Altar Servers

Lector

Andrew Lane

Prayers of the People

Andrew Lane

Ushers

Verger

Vestry Person of the Day

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