ST. JOHN'S RICHMOND

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
(Evening Prayer Service, based on 1962 Book of Common Prayer)

WELCOME!

Dear Friends: Happy Sunday Next Before Advent! This is the final Sunday in the Church Year; next Sunday we re-start the Calendar with Advent 1. It will be an eventful year, in part because we start with our 20th Anniversary Parish Mission.

The Mission begins Sunday January 17th and the finale is our 20th Anniversary Celebration on January 24th.

The week will feature several special events and guest speakers, whose task is to share the gospel from the book of Jonah. The Parish Mission is an opportunity to be strengthened in the gospel, and to invite friends. We are praying that the Holy Spirit will work powerfully to empower and revive living faith in Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

We are currently planning a Women's event on Wednesday evening, a Men's Breakfast Thursday morning, a focus for Youth and Young Adults on Friday night, and a Charcuterie and Music event on Saturday night. Each of these events will have a talk on a chapter in Jonah and a testimony mixed in with the event. More details to come! And…if you want to help out in any way, please connect with Debbie Low, June Lo, Sarah Fleming, Krista Carter, Rev. Guy, or Ven. Sean.

Warmly, *Sean*

TODAY'S SERVICE DETAILS

Lyrics and liturgy are on-screen & online.

BIBLE READINGS: Sheldon Yu

Jeremiah 23:1–8

Canticle: Luke 1:46–55 (*Magnificat*)

1 Peter 5:1-7

CHILDREN (K-grade 6) begin in the service. After the Children's Focus, their class will meet upstairs for approximately one hour. On Communion Sundays, they will rejoin the adult service in time to receive Holy Communion.

YOUTH (grades 7-12) meet each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when they remain for the whole Holy Communion service.

PRAYERS: Ayo Adesanwo

NOTICES

Autumn Sermon Series: 1 Peter: 'Life Away from Home' continues until Advent. Community Groups will track with the sermon series. Information and study questions are available on our website.

SJR Advent Choir: Last chance to join! All who love singing are warmly invited to join the SJR Choir as we prepare to sing in our Lessons & Carols service on December 20th! The first required rehearsal is this evening, Nov. 22nd, after the service, from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Please connect with Rosanna with any questions.

SJR Christmas High Tea and Crafts: For Youth, Kids and their Families - Saturday December 12th from 2-4pm, held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please RSVP by Monday Dec. 6th, using the emailed link.

Lots of adult help is needed in a number of areas - before, during, and afterwards - including baking, decorating, preparing food, serving tea, hosting crafts tables, and clean up! Please contact Penny Love if you would like to help.

Coffee Fellowship Time: After the service, held in the Foyer and outside patio. Please stay and enjoy food, drink and conversation!

Coffee Ministry service team: Help is needed to serve with Coffee Ministry, as well as coordinate.

SJR Congregational Directory: updated to late November 2026, is available in PDF form, via the SJR email. Physical copies are available at the Welcome Table this week.

OFFERING

We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate or give online, using the code. If you are visiting SJR, please simply be our guest.

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Find out more by picking up a brochure on the welcome table or by using the code.

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN (*All lyrics will be screen-shared*)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN *(said by the Minister)*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, has empowered and commanded his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. Therefore let us ask God to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Sung)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.
(Standing)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.
Praise ye the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed is a historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY & any additional COLLECTS *(all Collects will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Peter (v. 1)

Elders (vv. 2-4)

Everyone else (vv. 5-7)